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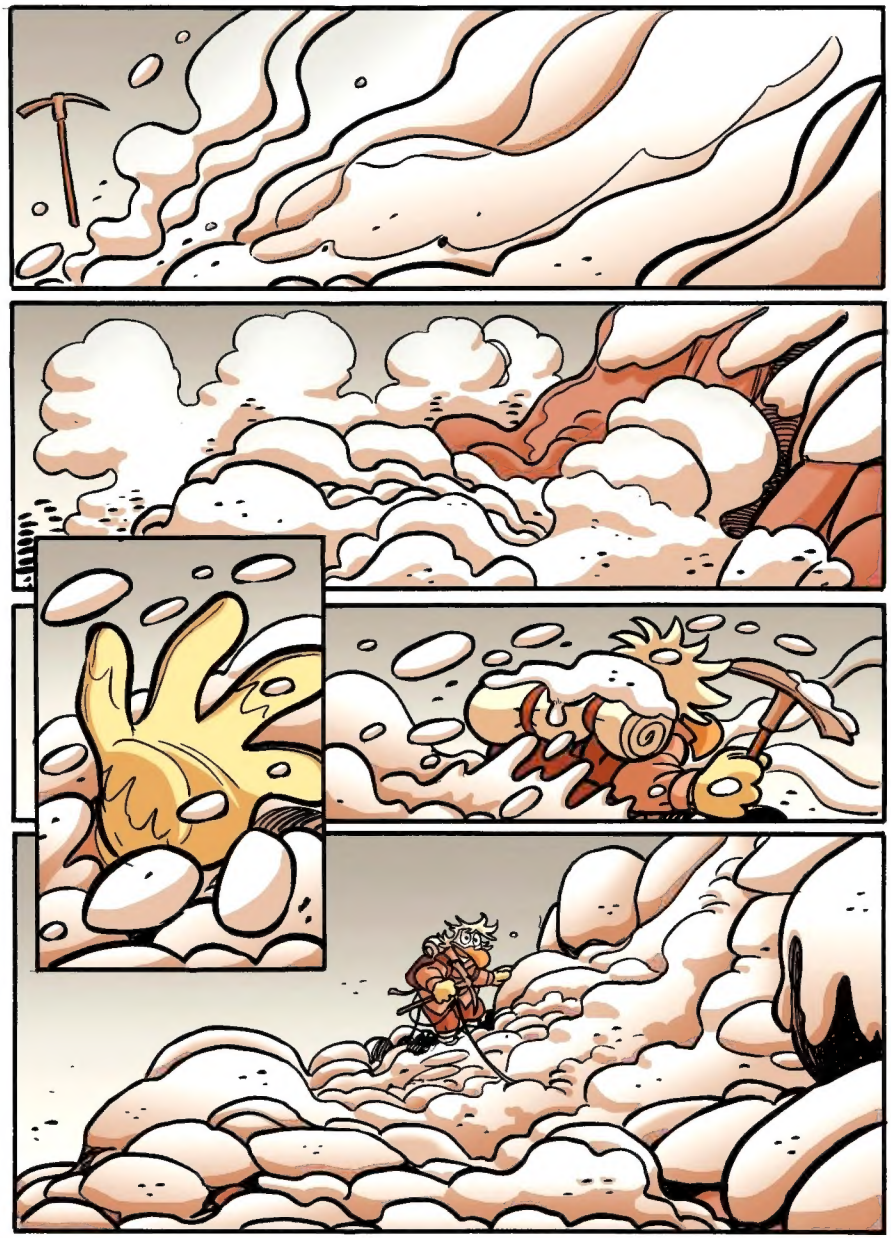
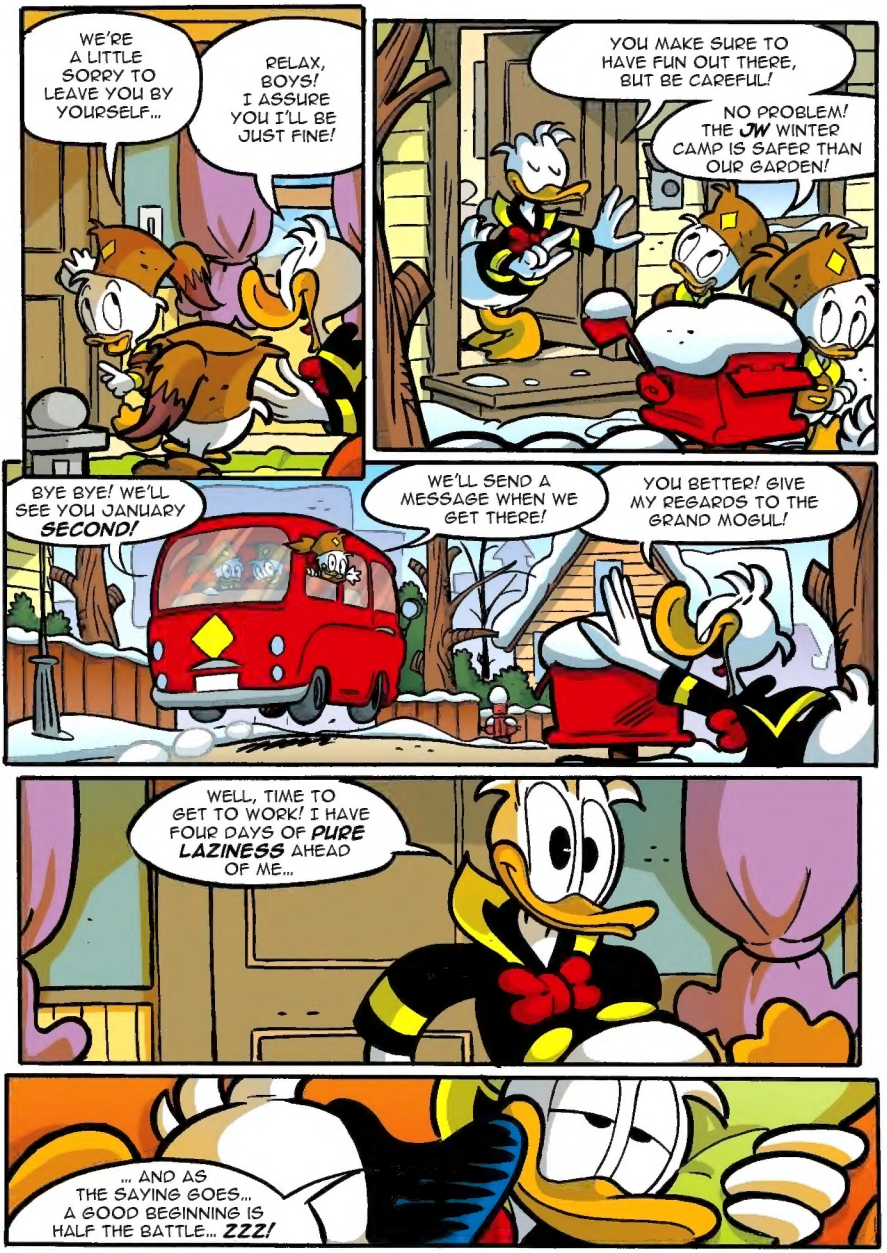
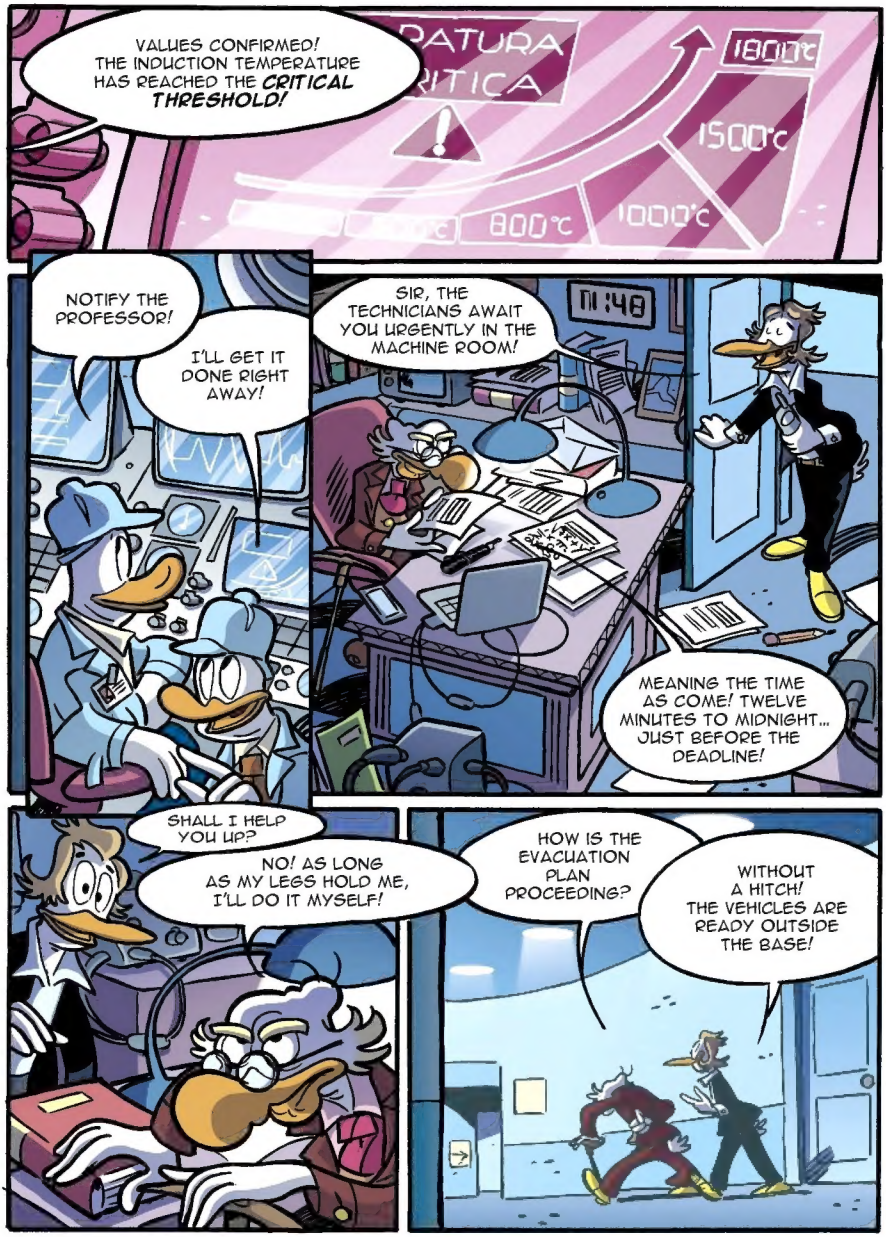
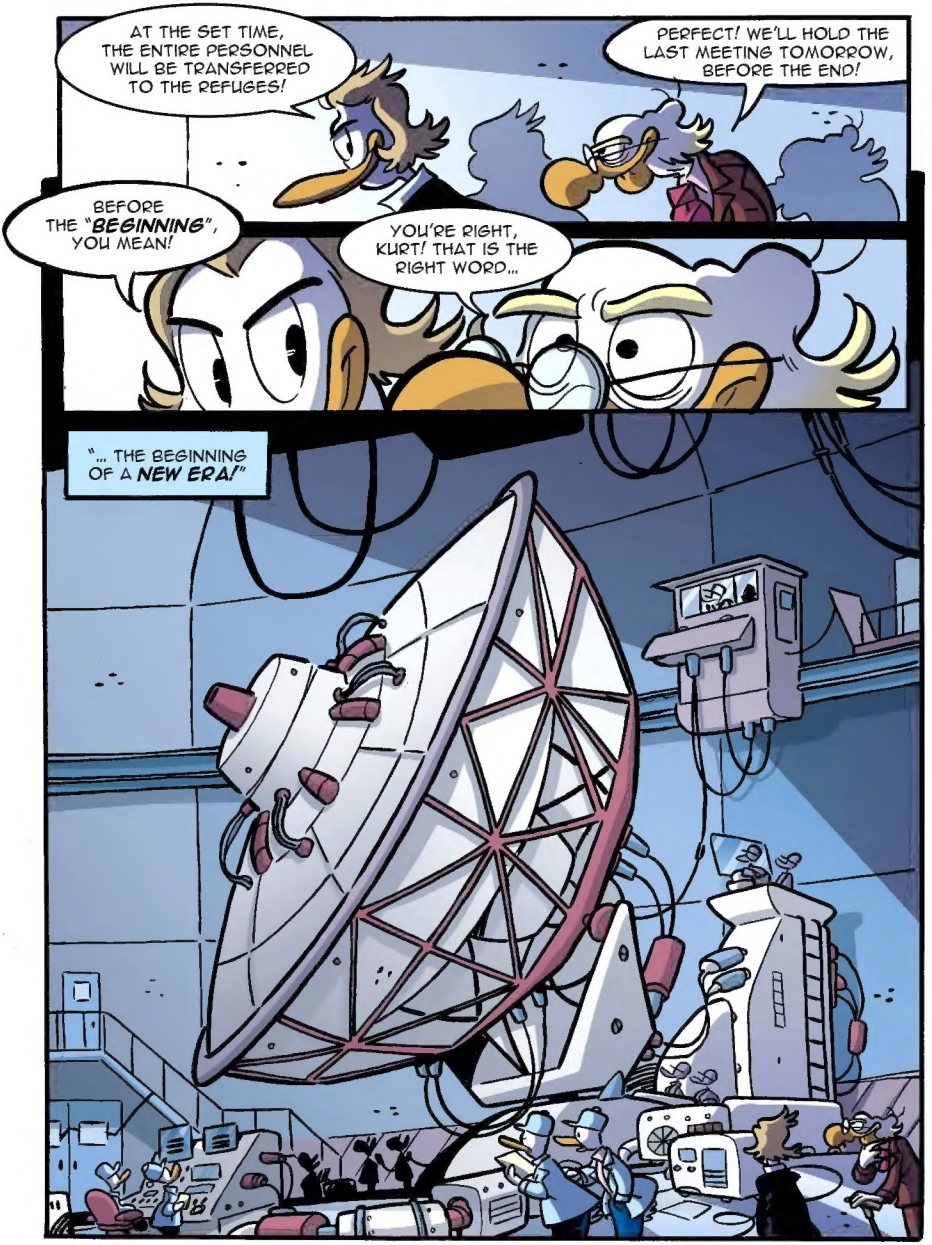


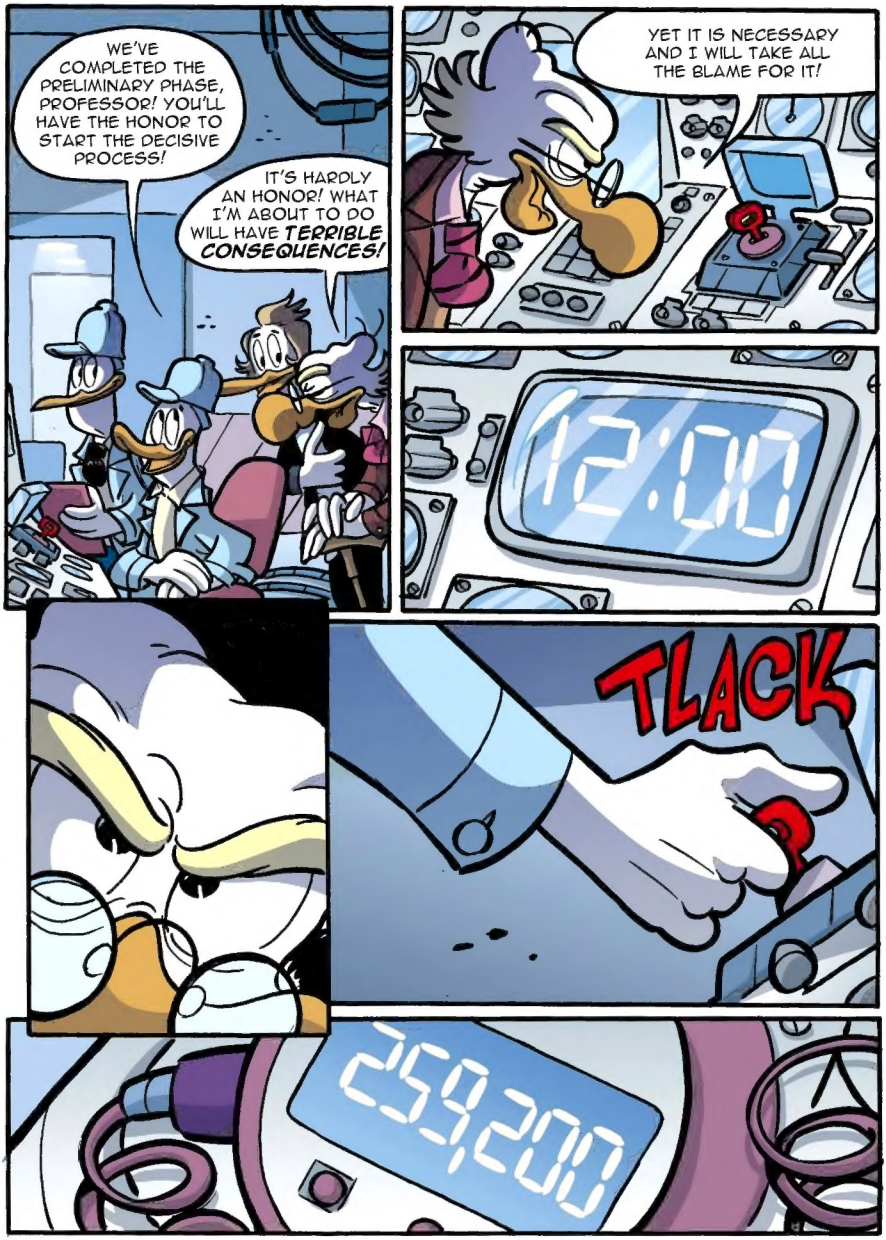
DOUBLEDUCK
L'ULTIMO GIORNO
PRIMA PARTE
THE MICRO-EARTHQUAKES THAT HAVE, FOR THESE PAST FEW DAYS, BEEN AFFECTING DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE WORLD, FROM THE POLES TO THE EQUATOR, SHOW NO SIGNS OF SUBSIDING!
WEAK SHOCKS HIT A VAST AREA OF SOUTHERN CHINA THIS MORNING! IT IS ANOTHER CASE WHERE NO DAMAGES HAVE BEEN REPORTED...
NEWS
WALT DISNEY

... AND SCIENTISTS EXCLUDE ANY REAL DANGER...
IF IT'S BEING REPORTED BY THE NEWS, IT CAN'T BE THE "USUAL" SEISMIC ACTIVITY!
BAH! YOU CALL THAT NEWS? EVEN I KNOW THE EARTH CONSTANTLY MOVES!
ZAP
ZOT
IN ANY CASE, THE TREMORS ARE SO SMALL THAT ONLY INSTRUMENTS TAKE NOTICE OF THEM!
EXACTLY! THE IMPORTANT THING IS THAT THERE'S NO NEED TO BE WORRIED...
... AND THAT NOTHING CAN SPOIL NEW YEAR!
ABOUT THAT... DO YOU REALLY WANT TO SPEND IT HERE?
PAF
YOU COULD JOIN DAISY AND HER FRIENDS IN THE MOUNTAINS!
SO I CAN HAVE A BORING NEW YEAR'S EVE? NO THANKS!
THE BUS IS HERE! WE HAVE TO GET GOING!


WE'RE A LITTLE SORRY TO LEAVE YOU BY YOURSELF...
RELAX, BOYS! I ASSURE YOU I'LL BE JUST FINE!
YOU MAKE SURE TO HAVE FUN OUT THERE, BUT BE CAREFUL!
NO PROBLEM! THE JW WINTER CAMP IS SAFER THAN OUR GARDEN!
BYE BYE! WE'LL SEE YOU JANUARY SECOND!
WE'LL SEND A MESSAGE WHEN WE GET THERE!
YOU BETTER! GIVE MY REGARDS TO THE GRAND MOGUL!
WELL, TIME TO GET TO WORK! I HAVE FOUR DAYS OF PURE LAZINESS AHEAD OF ME...
... AND AS THE SAYING GOES... A GOOD BEGINNING IS HALF THE BATTLE... ZZZ!


VALUES CONFIRMED! THE INDUCTION TEMPERATURE HAS REACHED THE CRITICAL THRESHOLD!
1800°C
1500°C
1000°C
800°C
NOTIFY THE PROFESSOR!
I'LL GET IT DONE RIGHT AWAY!
SIR, THE TECHNICIANS AWAIT YOU URGENTLY IN THE MACHINE ROOM!
11:48
MEANING THE TIME AS COME! TWELVE MINUTES TO MIDNIGHT... JUST BEFORE THE DEADLINE!
SHALL I HELP YOU UP?
NO! AS LONG AS MY LEGS HOLD ME, I'LL DO IT MYSELF!
HOW IS THE EVACUATION PLAN PROCEEDING?
WITHOUT A HITCH! THE VEHICLES ARE READY OUTSIDE THE BASE!


AT THE SET TIME, THE ENTIRE PERSONNEL WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE REFUGES!
PERFECT! WE'LL HOLD THE LAST MEETING TOMORROW, BEFORE THE END!
BEFORE THE "BEGINNING", YOU MEAN!
YOU'RE RIGHT, KURT! THAT IS THE RIGHT WORD...
"... THE BEGINNING OF A NEW ERA!"


WE'VE COMPLETED THE PRELIMINARY PHASE, PROFESSOR! YOU'LL HAVE THE HONOR TO START THE DECISIVE PROCESS!
IT'S HARDLY AN HONOR! WHAT I'M ABOUT TO DO WILL HAVE TERRIBLE CONSEQUENCES!
YET IT IS NECESSARY AND I WILL TAKE ALL THE BLAME FOR IT!
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TLACK
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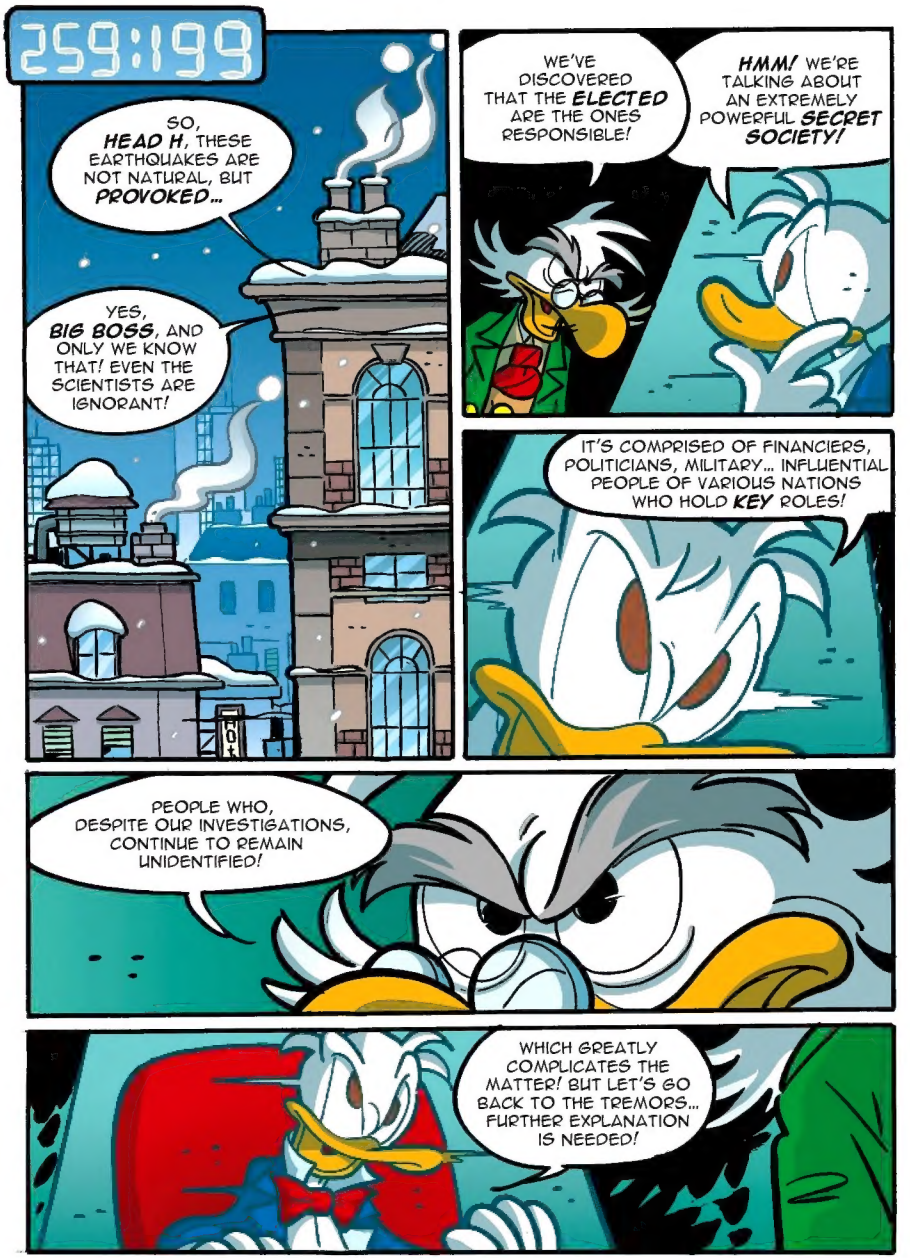
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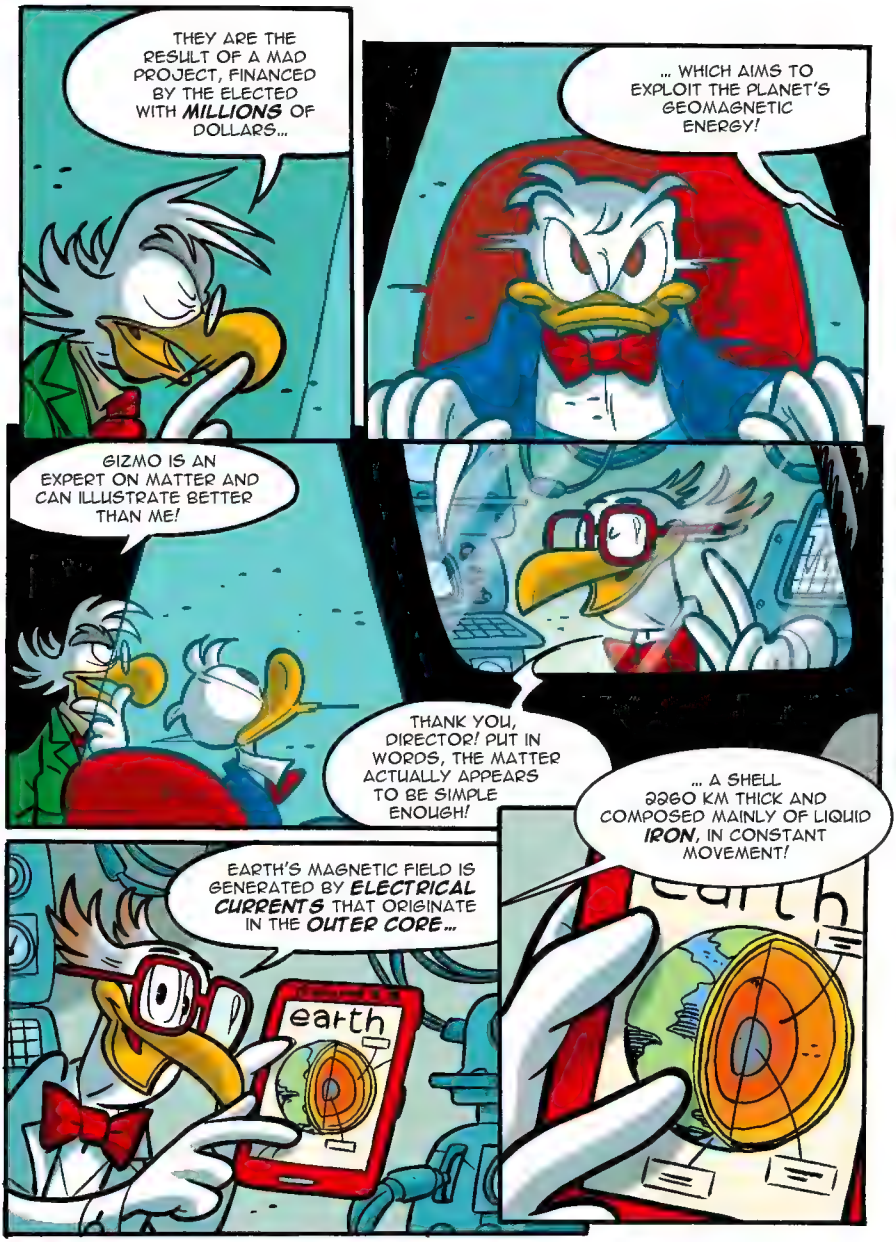
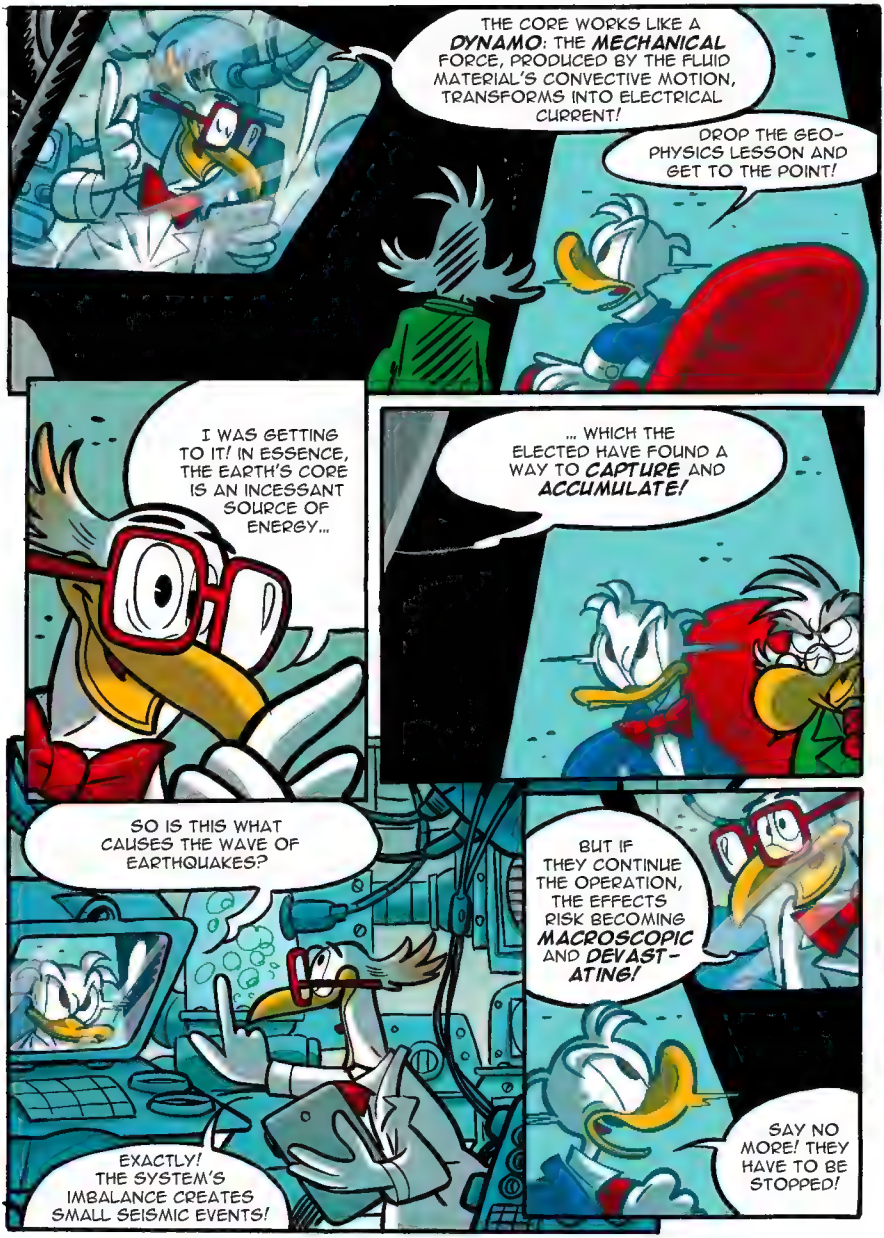
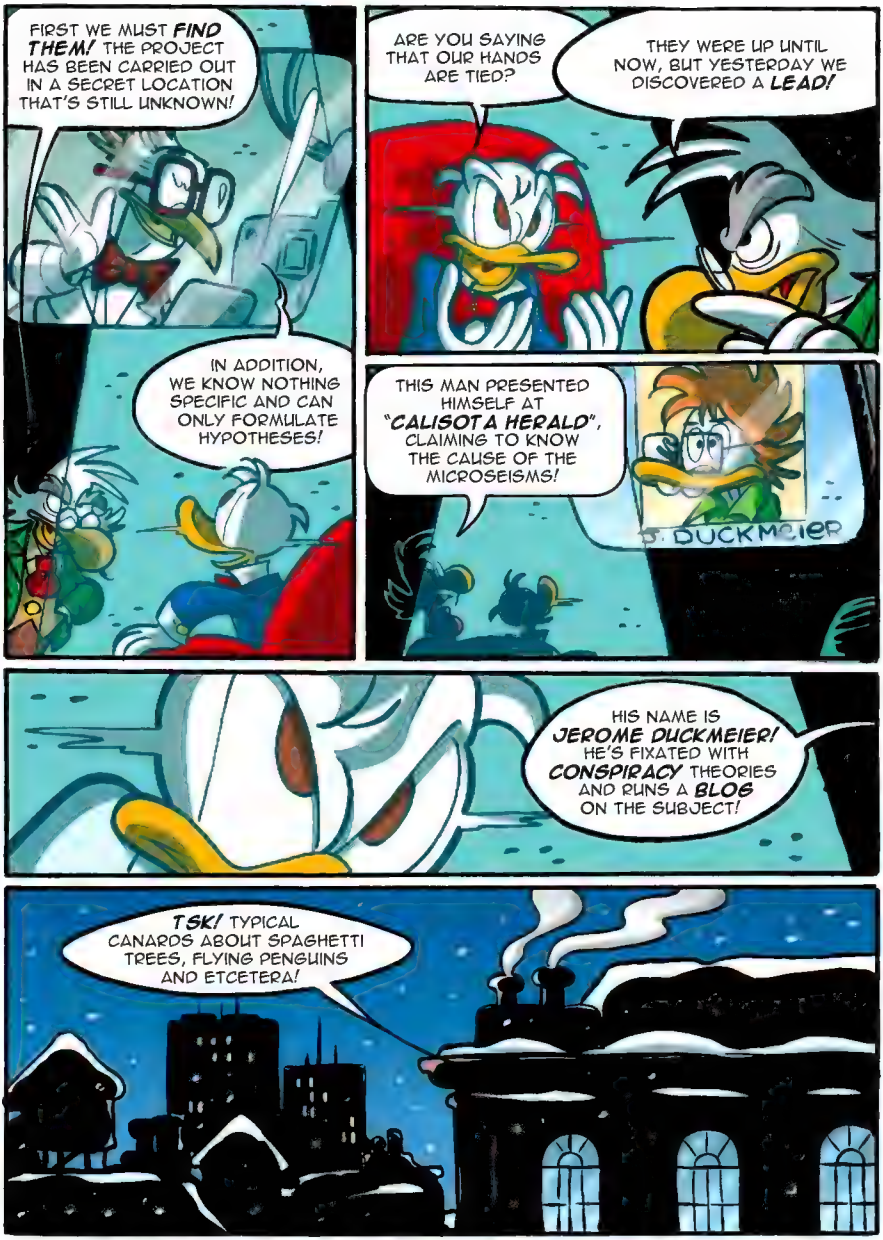
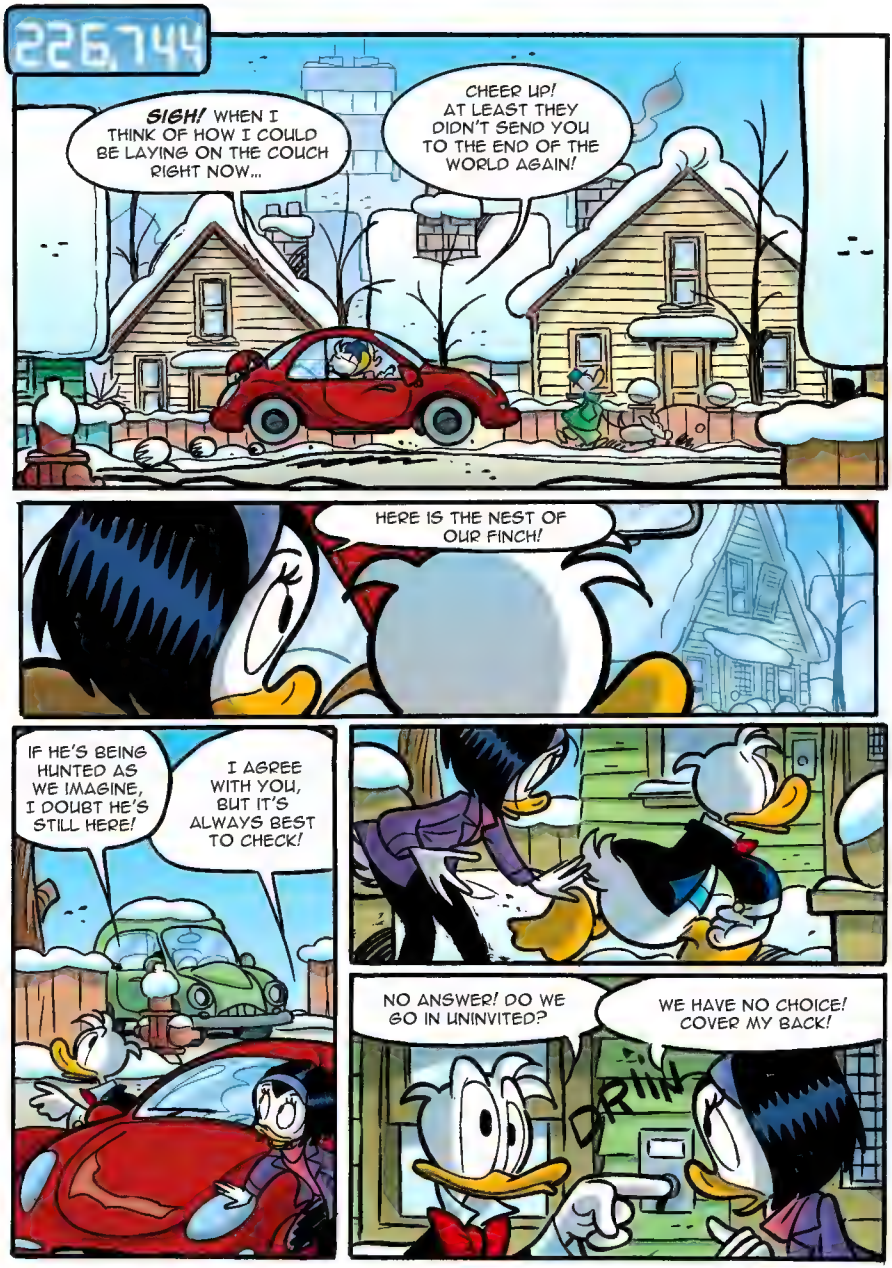
SO, HEAD H, THESE EARTHQUAKES ARE NOT NATURAL, BUT PROVOKED...
YES, BIG BOSS, AND ONLY WE KNOW THAT! EVEN THE SCIENTISTS ARE IGNORANT!
WE'VE DISCOVERED THAT THE ELECTED ARE THE ONES RESPONSIBLE!
HMM! WE'RE TALKING ABOUT AN EXTREMELY POWERFUL SECRET SOCIETY!
IT'S COMPRISED OF FINANCIERS, POLITICIANS, MILITARY... INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE OF VARIOUS NATIONS WHO HOLD KEY ROLES!
PEOPLE WHO, DESPITE OUR INVESTIGATIONS, CONTINUE TO REMAIN UNIDENTIFIED!
WHICH GREATLY COMPLICATES THE MATTER! BUT LET'S GO BACK TO THE TREMORS... FURTHER EXPLANATION IS NEEDED!


THEY ARE THE RESULT OF A MAD PROJECT, FINANCED BY THE ELECTED WITH ***MILLIONS*** OF DOLLARS...
... WHICH AIMS TO EXPLOIT THE PLANET'S GEOMAGNETIC ENERGY!
GIZMO IS AN EXPERT ON MATTER AND CAN ILLUSTRATE BETTER THAN ME!
THANK YOU, DIRECTOR! PUT IN WORDS, THE MATTER ACTUALLY APPEARS TO BE SIMPLE ENOUGH!
... A SHELL 2260 KM THICK AND COMPOSED MAINLY OF LIQUID ***IRON***, IN CONSTANT MOVEMENT!
EARTH'S MAGNETIC FIELD IS GENERATED BY ***ELECTRICAL CURRENTS*** THAT ORIGINATE IN THE ***OUTER CORE***...
earth
earth


THE CORE WORKS LIKE A DYNAMO: THE MECHANICAL FORCE, PRODUCED BY THE FLUID MATERIAL'S CONVECTIVE MOTION, TRANSFORMS INTO ELECTRICAL CURRENT!
DROP THE GEO-PHYSICS LESSON AND GET TO THE POINT!
I WAS GETTING TO IT! IN ESSENCE, THE EARTH'S CORE IS AN INCESSANT SOURCE OF ENERGY...
... WHICH THE ELECTED HAVE FOUND A WAY TO CAPTURE AND ACCUMULATE!
SO IS THIS WHAT CAUSES THE WAVE OF EARTHQUAKES?
BUT IF THEY CONTINUE THE OPERATION, THE EFFECTS RISK BECOMING MACROSCOPIC AND DEVASTATING!
EXACTLY! THE SYSTEM'S IMBALANCE CREATES SMALL SEISMIC EVENTS!
SAY NO MORE! THEY HAVE TO BE STOPPED!


FIRST WE MUST FIND THEM! THE PROJECT HAS BEEN CARRIED OUT IN A SECRET LOCATION THAT'S STILL UNKNOWN!
IN ADDITION, WE KNOW NOTHING SPECIFIC AND CAN ONLY FORMULATE HYPOTHESES!
ARE YOU SAYING THAT OUR HANDS ARE TIED?
THEY WERE UP UNTIL NOW, BUT YESTERDAY WE DISCOVERED A LEAD!
THIS MAN PRESENTED HIMSELF AT "CALISOTA HERALD", CLAIMING TO KNOW THE CAUSE OF THE MICROSEISMS!
J. DUCKMEIER
HIS NAME IS JEROME DUCKMEIER! HE'S FIXATED WITH CONSPIRACY THEORIES AND RUNS A BLOG ON THE SUBJECT!
TSK! TYPICAL CANARDS ABOUT SPAGHETTI TREES, FLYING PENGUINS AND ETCETERA!

FOR ONCE, THAT IS NOT THE CASE! HIS POSTS ON THE ELECTED CONTAINS INFORMATION THAT COINCIDES WITH OURS!
AND THEN THERE'S THIS SCENE, WHICH WAS RECORDED BY A SECURITY CAMERA! OBSERVE...
BEFORE DUCKMEIER WAS ABLE TO TALK TO THE EDITORIAL STAFF, THE PRESENCE OF TWO MYSTERIOUS INDIVIDUALS FRIGHTENED HIM, INDUCING HIM TO FLEE!
The Calisota Herald
WE MUST HAVE A WORD WITH HIM! WHO WILL HANDLE IT?
AGENTS KAY K AND DOUBLEDUCK! THEY'RE THE BEST!
BUT LET'S NOT LIMIT OURSELVES TO A SINGLE TRAIL! WE MUST ACT ON MORE FRONTS!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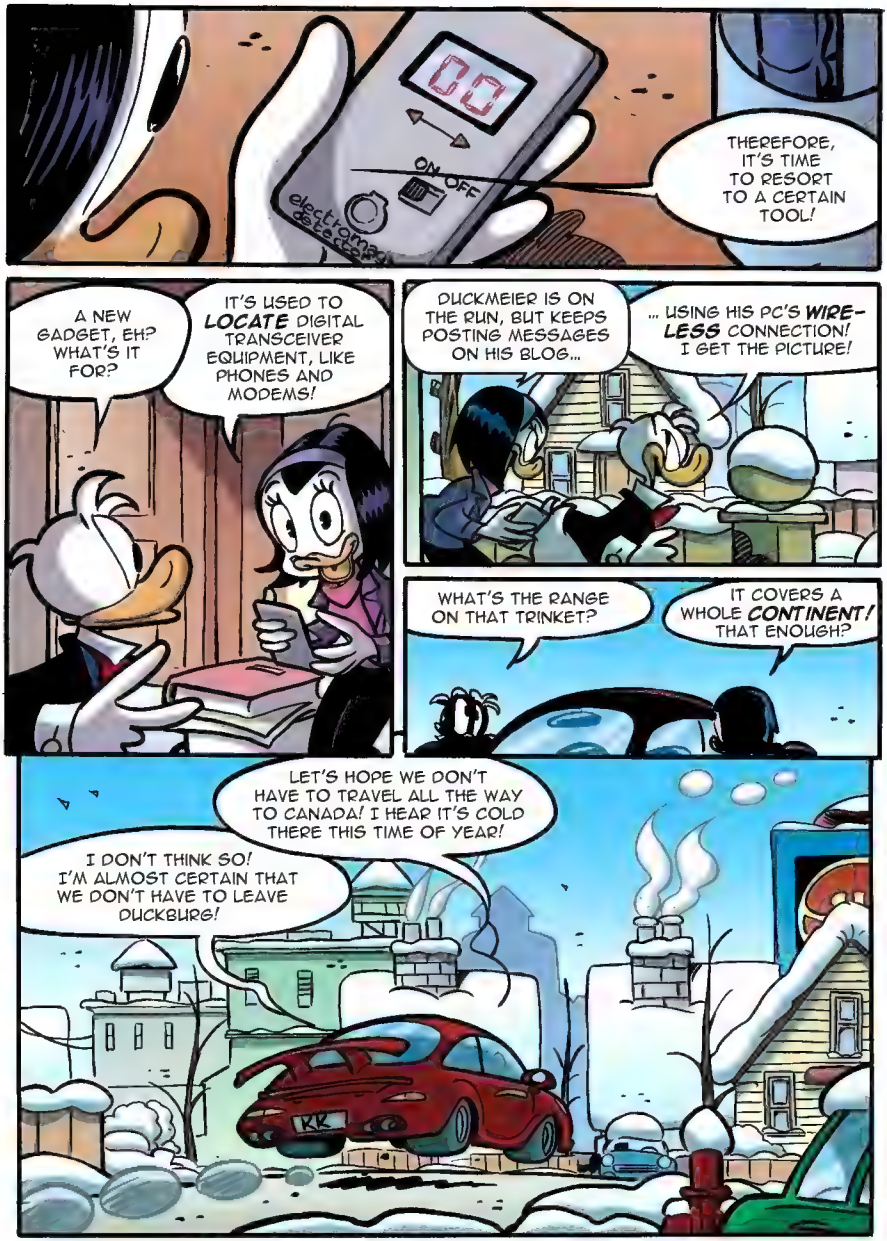
SIGH! WHEN I THINK OF HOW I COULD BE LAYING ON THE COUCH RIGHT NOW...
CHEER UP! AT LEAST THEY DIDN'T SEND YOU TO THE END OF THE WORLD AGAIN!
HERE IS THE NEST OF OUR FINCH!
IF HE'S BEING HUNTED AS WE IMAGINE, I DOUBT HE'S STILL HERE!
I AGREE WITH YOU, BUT IT'S ALWAYS BEST TO CHECK!
NO ANSWER! DO WE GO IN UNINVITED?
WE HAVE NO CHOICE! COVER MY BACK!
DRIN

TLAK
APPARENTLY THE OWNER HASN'T BEEN TIDYING FOR THIS PAST CENTURY!
YEAH! BUT WE'RE ONLY INTERESTED IN WHAT'S MISSING!
PIZZA
AND WE KNOW THAT, TO ACCESS THE NET, HE'S USING A MOBILE CONNECTION!
THAT BEING THE PORTABLE COMPUTER THAT OCCUPIED THIS EMPTY SPACE!
DUCKMEIER MUST HAVE TAKEN IT WITH HIM!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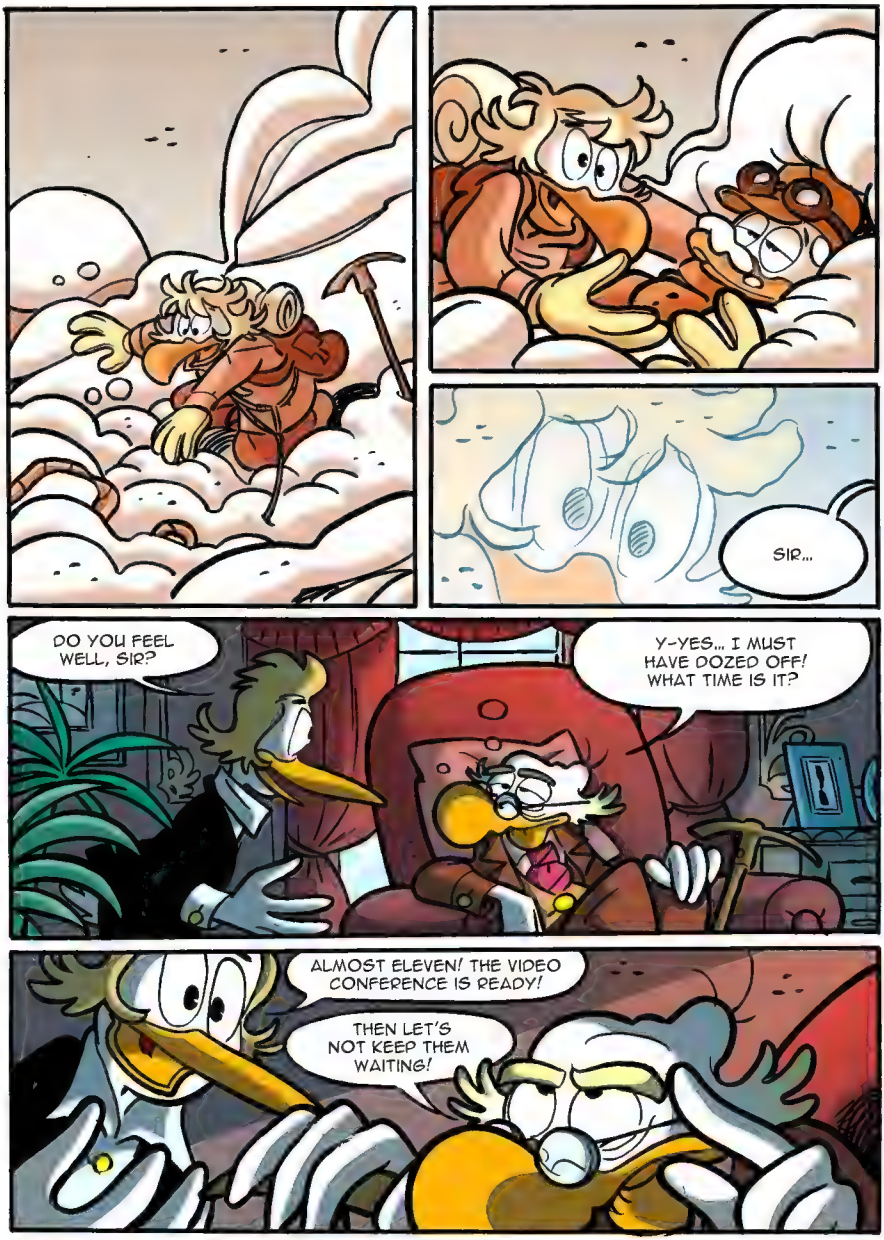
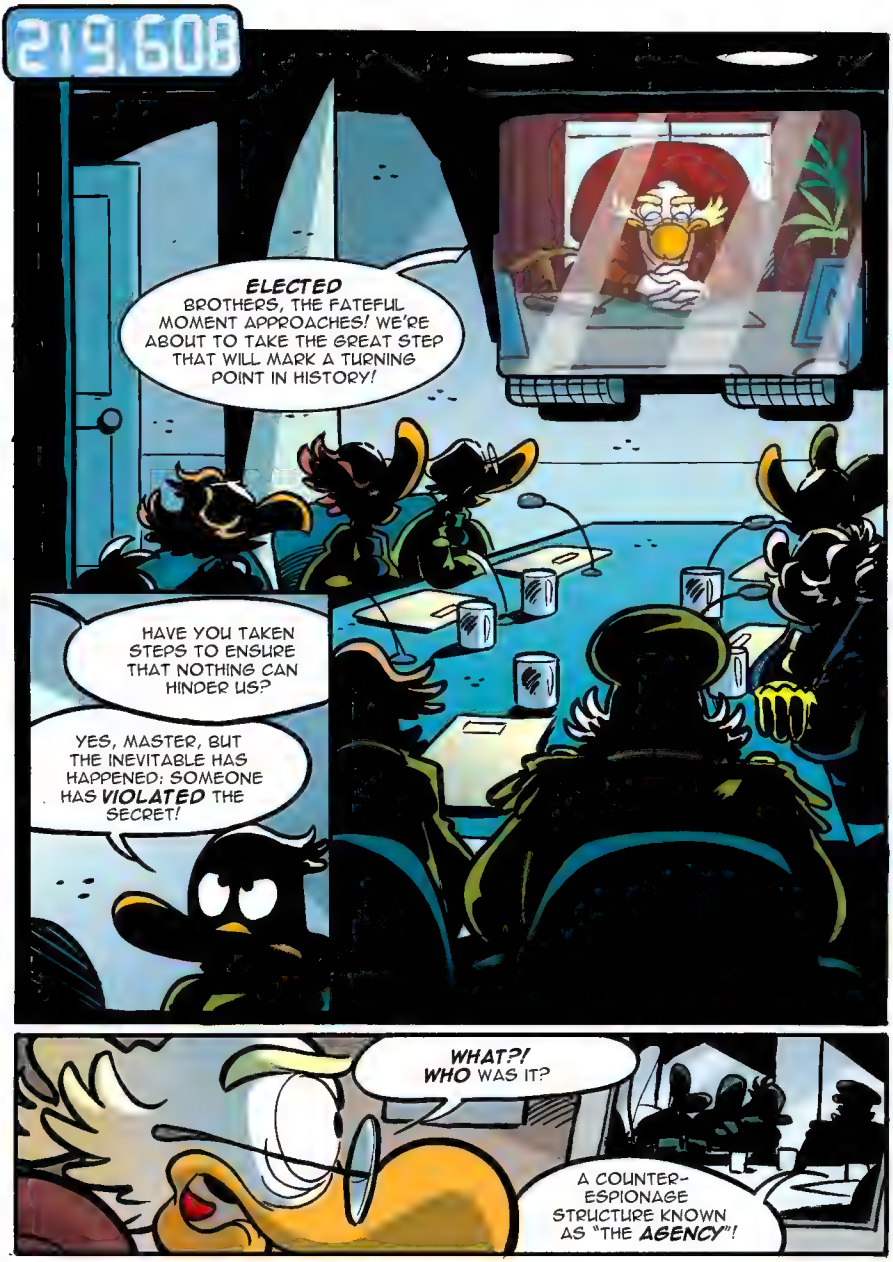
THEREFORE, IT'S TIME TO RESORT TO A CERTAIN TOOL!
A NEW GADGET, EH? WHAT'S IT FOR?
IT'S USED TO LOCATE DIGITAL TRANSCEIVER EQUIPMENT, LIKE PHONES AND MODEMS!
DUCKMEIER IS ON THE RUN, BUT KEEPS POSTING MESSAGES ON HIS BLOG...
... USING HIS PC'S WIRELESS CONNECTION! I GET THE PICTURE!
WHAT'S THE RANGE ON THAT TRINKET?
IT COVERS A WHOLE CONTINENT! THAT ENOUGH?
LET'S HOPE WE DON'T HAVE TO TRAVEL ALL THE WAY TO CANADA! I HEAR IT'S COLD THERE THIS TIME OF YEAR!
I DON'T THINK SO! I'M ALMOST CERTAIN THAT WE DON'T HAVE TO LEAVE DUCKBURG!


SIR...
DO YOU FEEL WELL, SIR?
Y-YES... I MUST HAVE DOZED OFF! WHAT TIME IS IT?
ALMOST ELEVEN! THE VIDEO CONFERENCE IS READY!
THEN LET'S NOT KEEP THEM WAITING!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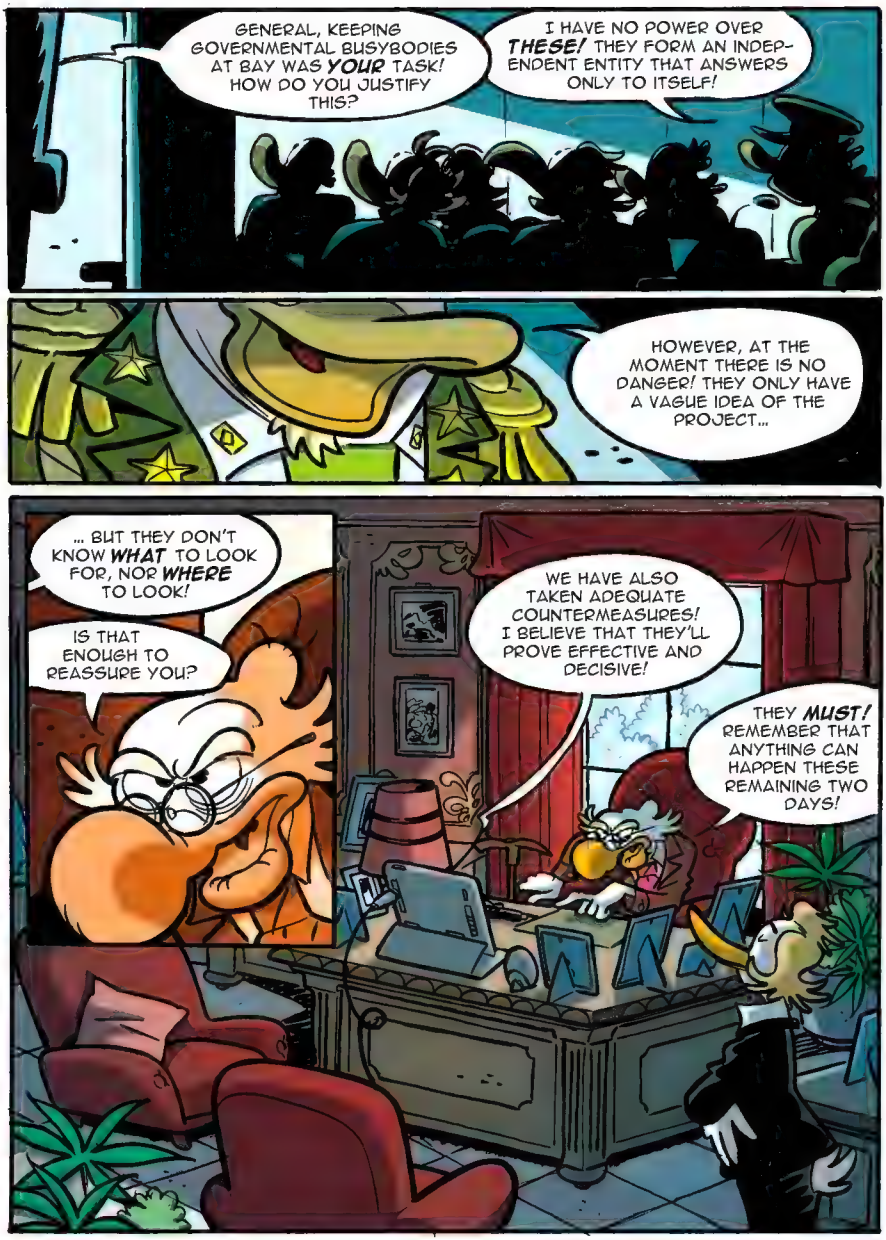
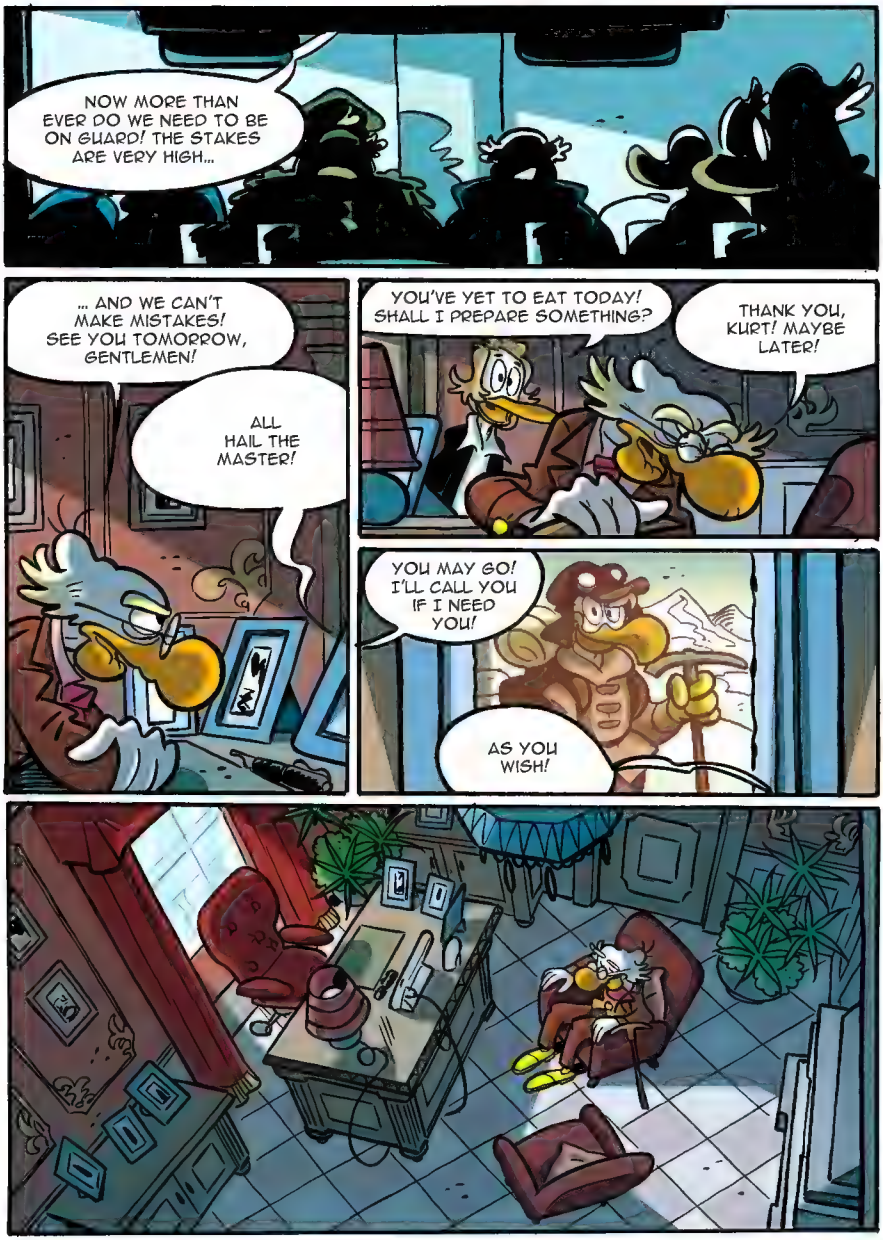
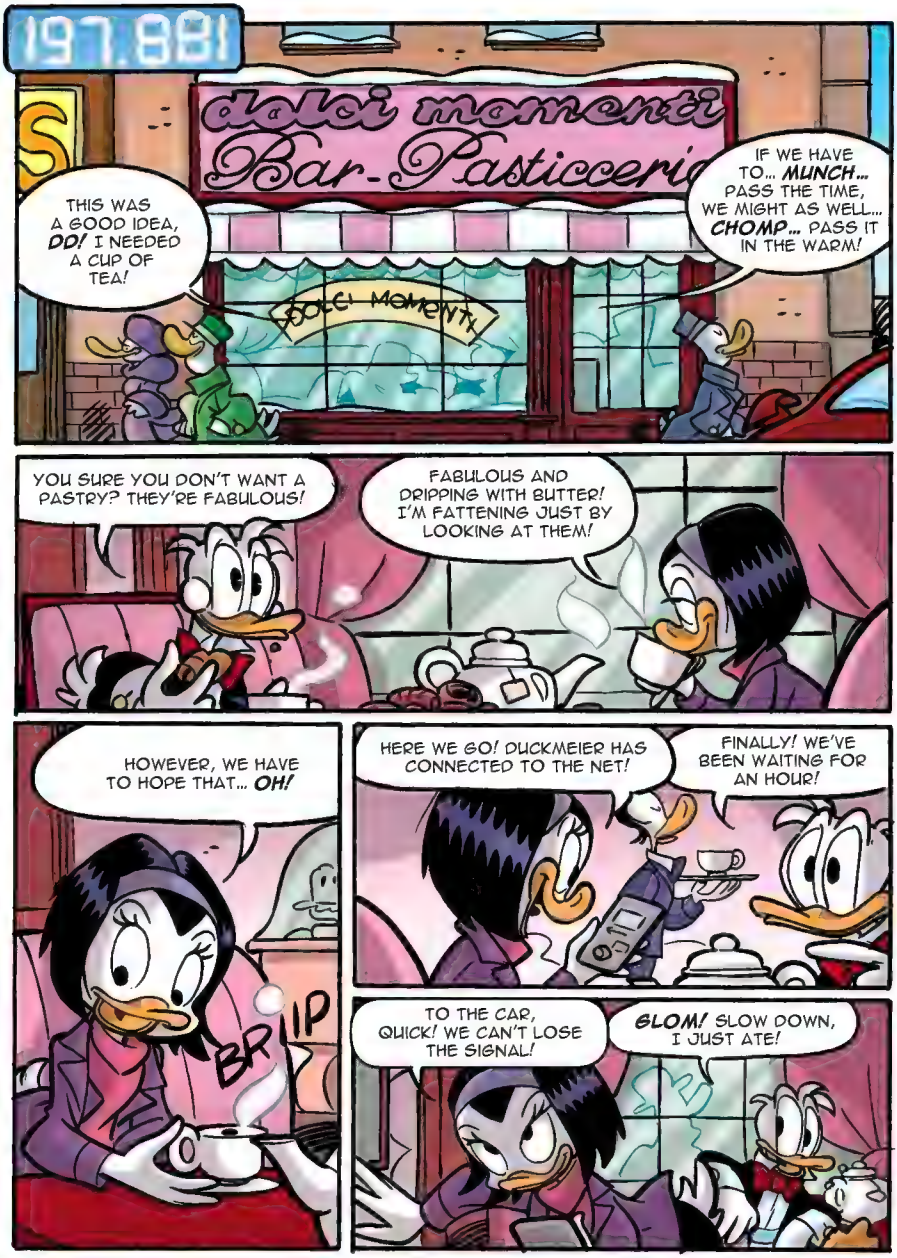
ELECTED BROTHERS, THE FATEFUL MOMENT APPROACHES! WE'RE ABOUT TO TAKE THE GREAT STEP THAT WILL MARK A TURNING POINT IN HISTORY!
HAVE YOU TAKEN STEPS TO ENSURE THAT NOTHING CAN HINDER US?
YES, MASTER, BUT THE INEVITABLE HAS HAPPENED: SOMEONE HAS VIOLATED THE SECRET!
WHAT?! WHO WAS IT?
A COUNTER-ESPIONAGE STRUCTURE KNOWN AS "THE AGENCY"!


GENERAL, KEEPING GOVERNMENTAL BUSYBODIES AT BAY WAS YOUR TASK! HOW DO YOU JUSTIFY THIS?
I HAVE NO POWER OVER THESE! THEY FORM AN INDEPENDENT ENTITY THAT ANSWERS ONLY TO ITSELF!
HOWEVER, AT THE MOMENT THERE IS NO DANGER! THEY ONLY HAVE A VAGUE IDEA OF THE PROJECT...
... BUT THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT TO LOOK FOR, NOR WHERE TO LOOK!
IS THAT ENOUGH TO REASSURE YOU?
WE HAVE ALSO TAKEN ADEQUATE COUNTERMEASURES! I BELIEVE THAT THEY'LL PROVE EFFECTIVE AND DECISIVE!
THEY MUST! REMEMBER THAT ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN THESE REMAINING TWO DAYS!


NOW MORE THAN EVER DO WE NEED TO BE ON GUARD! THE STAKES ARE VERY HIGH...
... AND WE CAN'T MAKE MISTAKES! SEE YOU TOMORROW, GENTLEMEN!
ALL HAIL THE MASTER!
YOU'VE YET TO EAT TODAY! SHALL I PREPARE SOMETHING?
THANK YOU, KURT! MAYBE LATER!
YOU MAY GO! I'LL CALL YOU IF I NEED YOU!
AS YOU WISH!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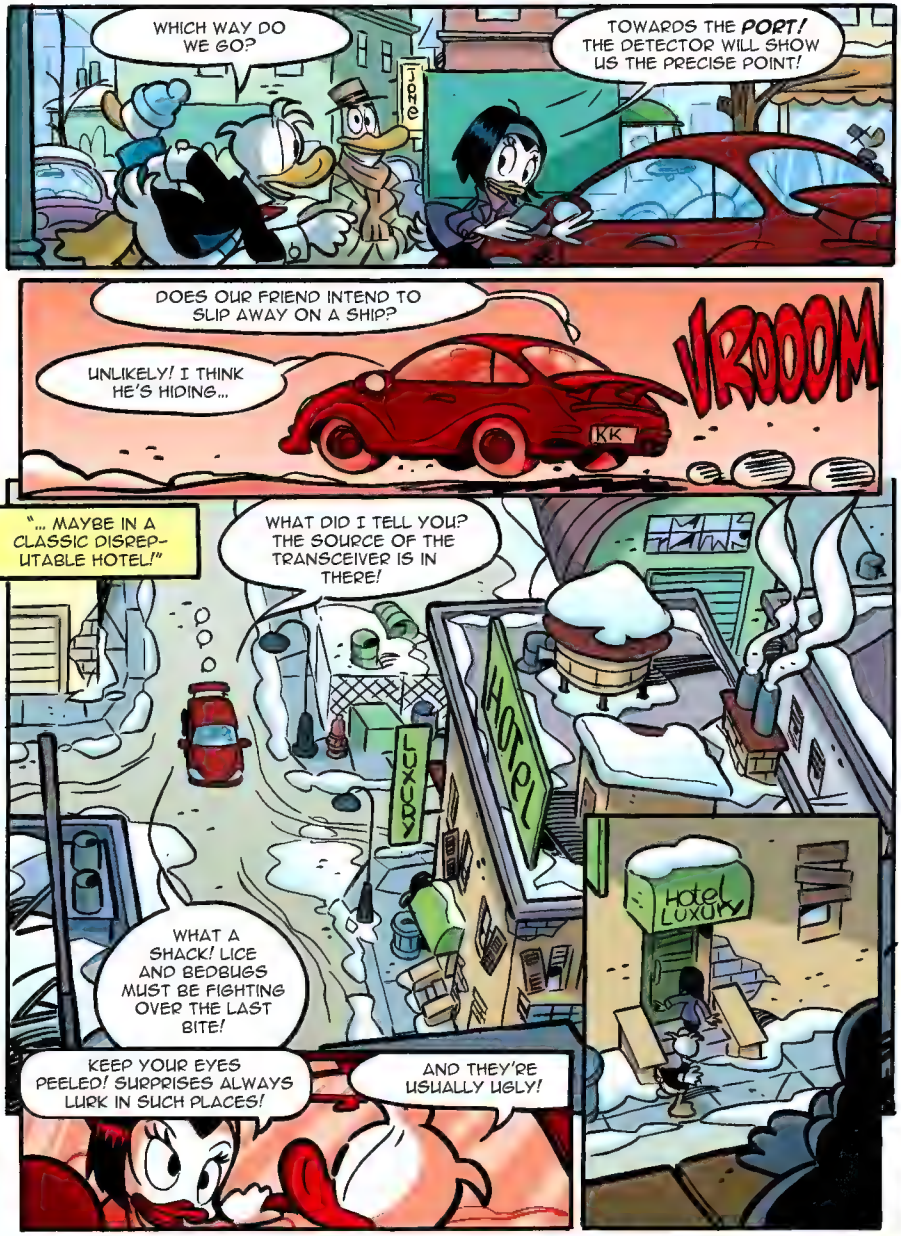
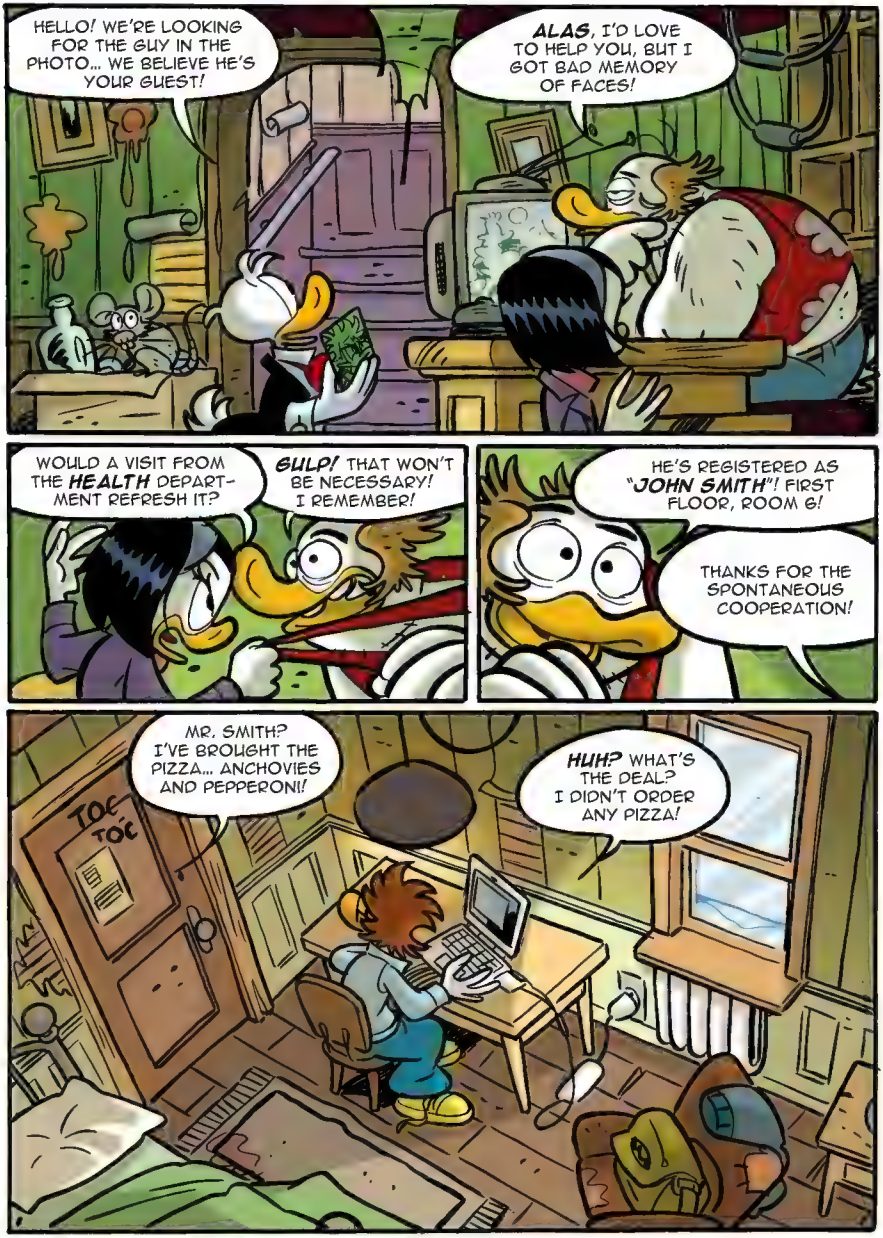
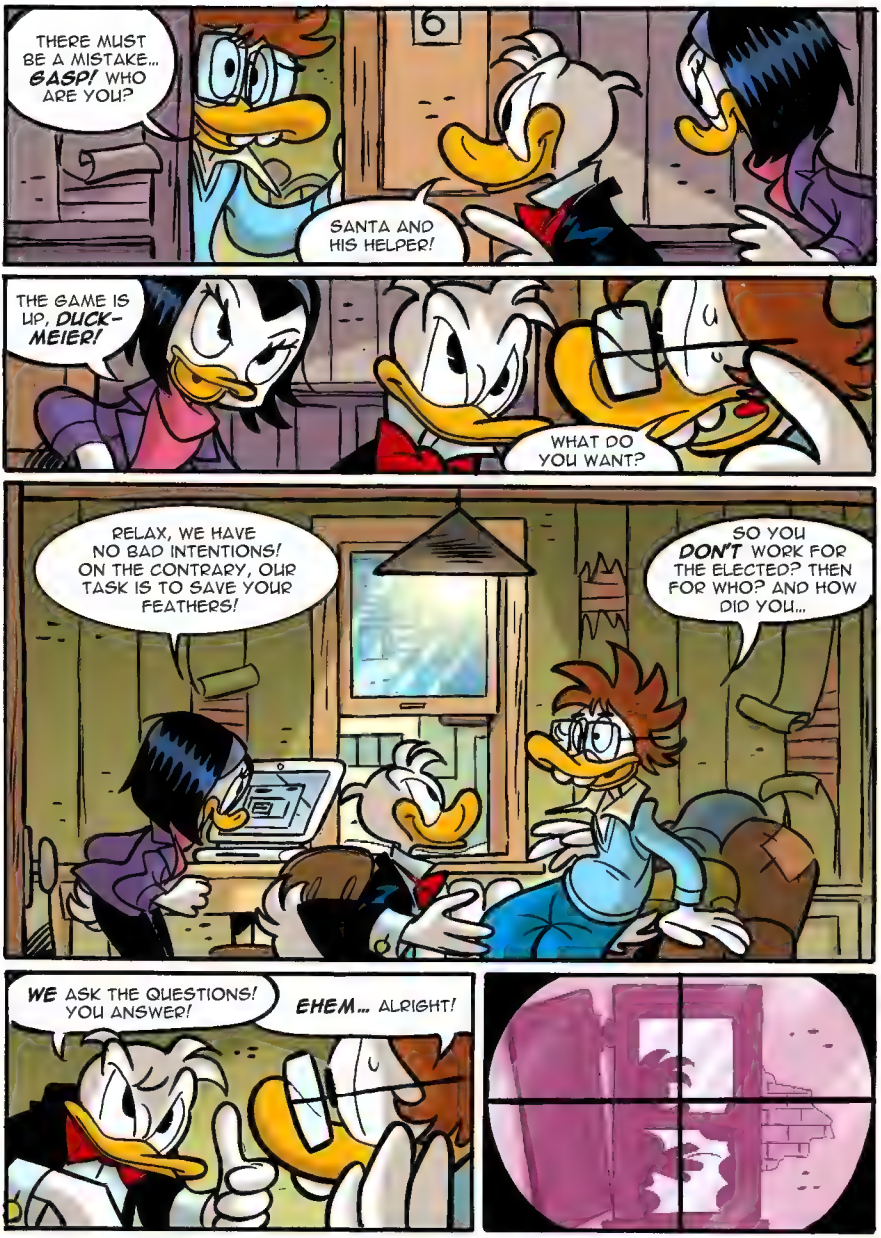
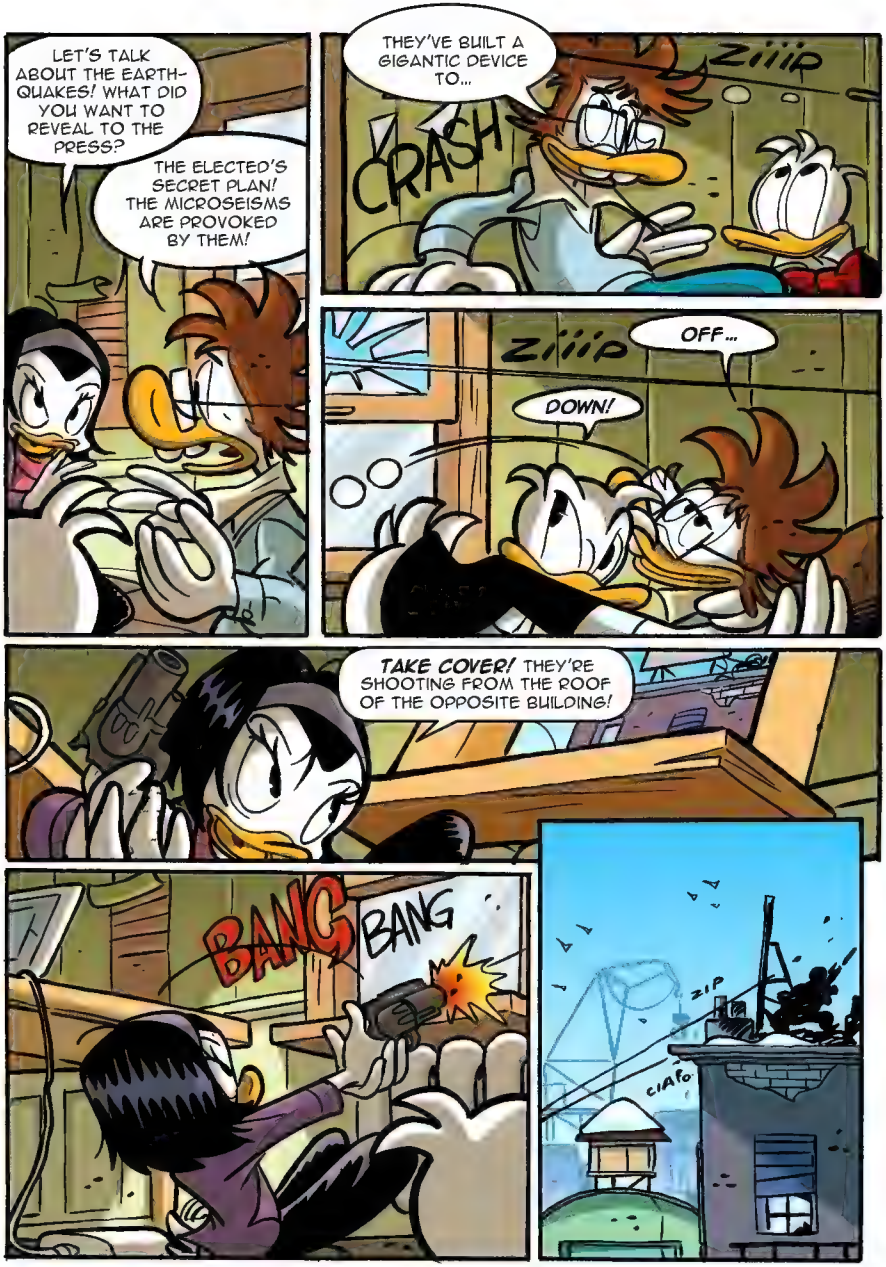
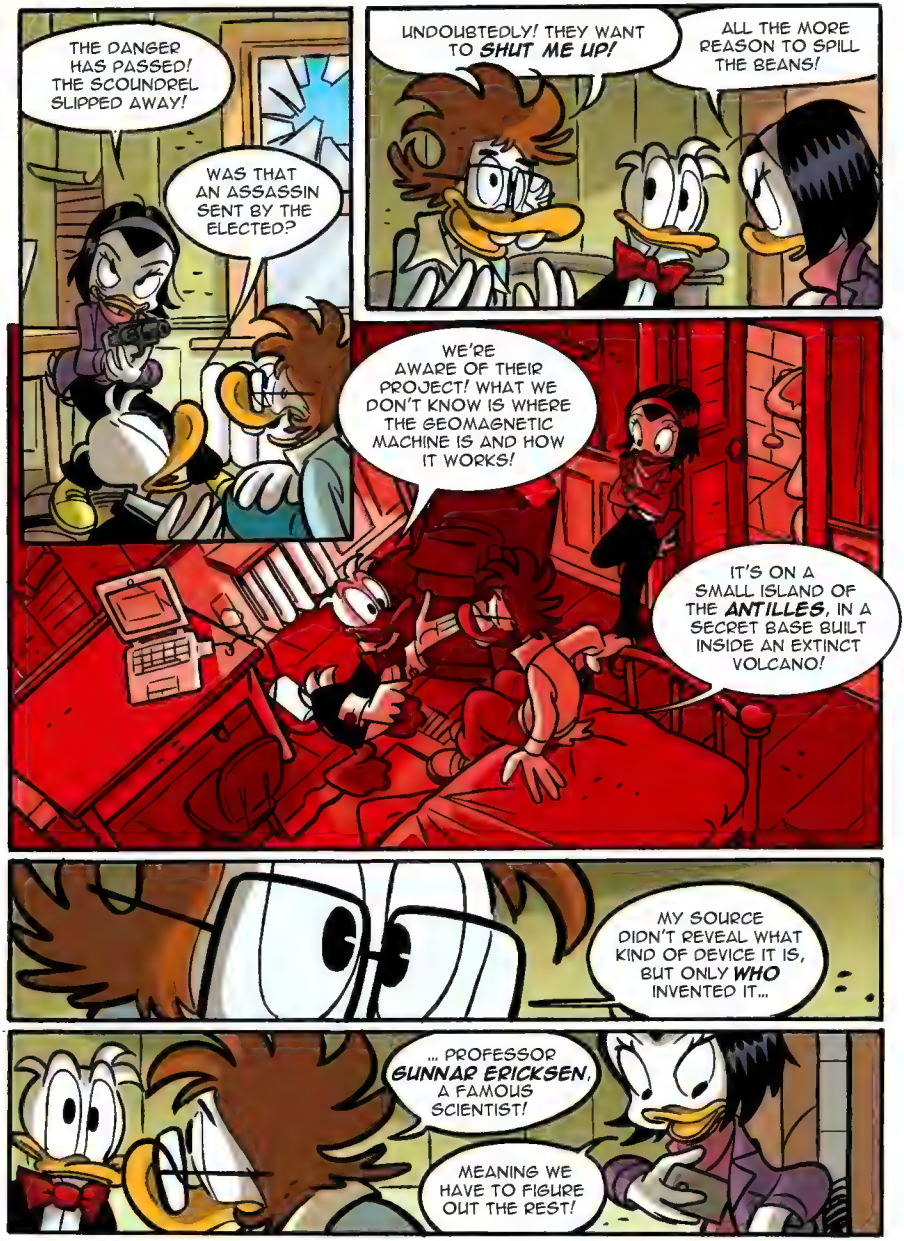
DOLCI MOMENTI
THIS WAS A GOOD IDEA, DD! I NEEDED A CUP OF TEA!
IF WE HAVE TO... MUNCH... PASS THE TIME, WE MIGHT AS WELL.... CHOMP... PASS IT IN THE WARM!
YOU SURE YOU DON'T WANT A PASTRY? THEY'RE FABULOUS!
FABULOUS AND DRIPPING WITH BUTTER! I'M FATTENING JUST BY LOOKING AT THEM!
HOWEVER, WE HAVE TO HOPE THAT... OH!
BRRIP
HERE WE GO! DUCKMEIER HAS CONNECTED TO THE NET!
FINALLY! WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR AN HOUR!
TO THE CAR, QUICK! WE CAN'T LOSE THE SIGNAL!
GLOM! SLOW DOWN, I JUST ATE!

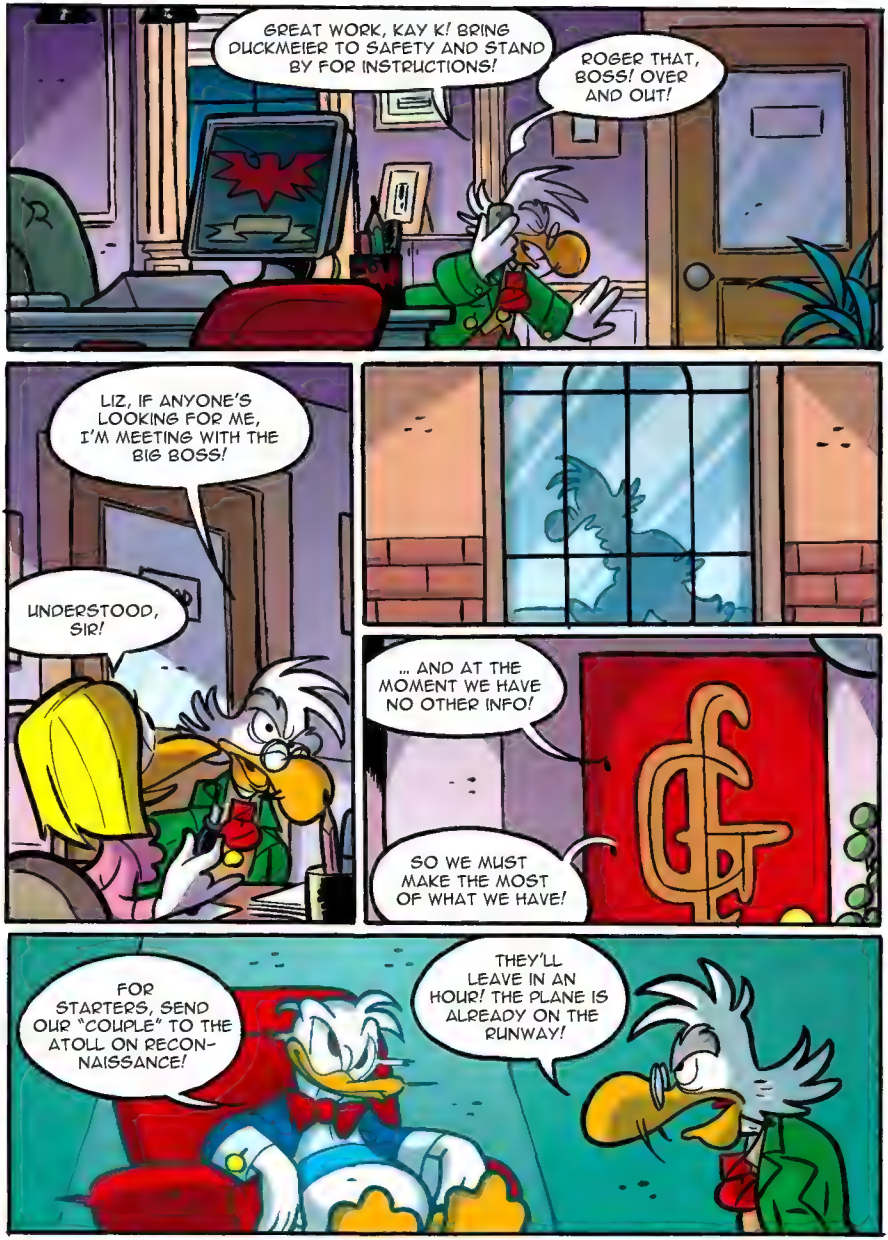

WHICH WAY DO WE GO?
TOWARDS THE PORT! THE DETECTOR WILL SHOW US THE PRECISE POINT!
DOES OUR FRIEND INTEND TO SLIP AWAY ON A SHIP?
UNLIKELY! I THINK HE'S HIDING...
VROOOM
KK
"... MAYBE IN A CLASSIC DISREPUTABLE HOTEL!"
WHAT DID I TELL YOU? THE SOURCE OF THE TRANSCEIVER IS IN THERE!
HOTEL
LUXURY
WHAT A SHACK! LICE AND BEDBUGS MUST BE FIGHTING OVER THE LAST BITE!
KEEP YOUR EYES PEELED! SURPRISES ALWAYS LURK IN SUCH PLACES!
AND THEY'RE USUALLY UGLY!

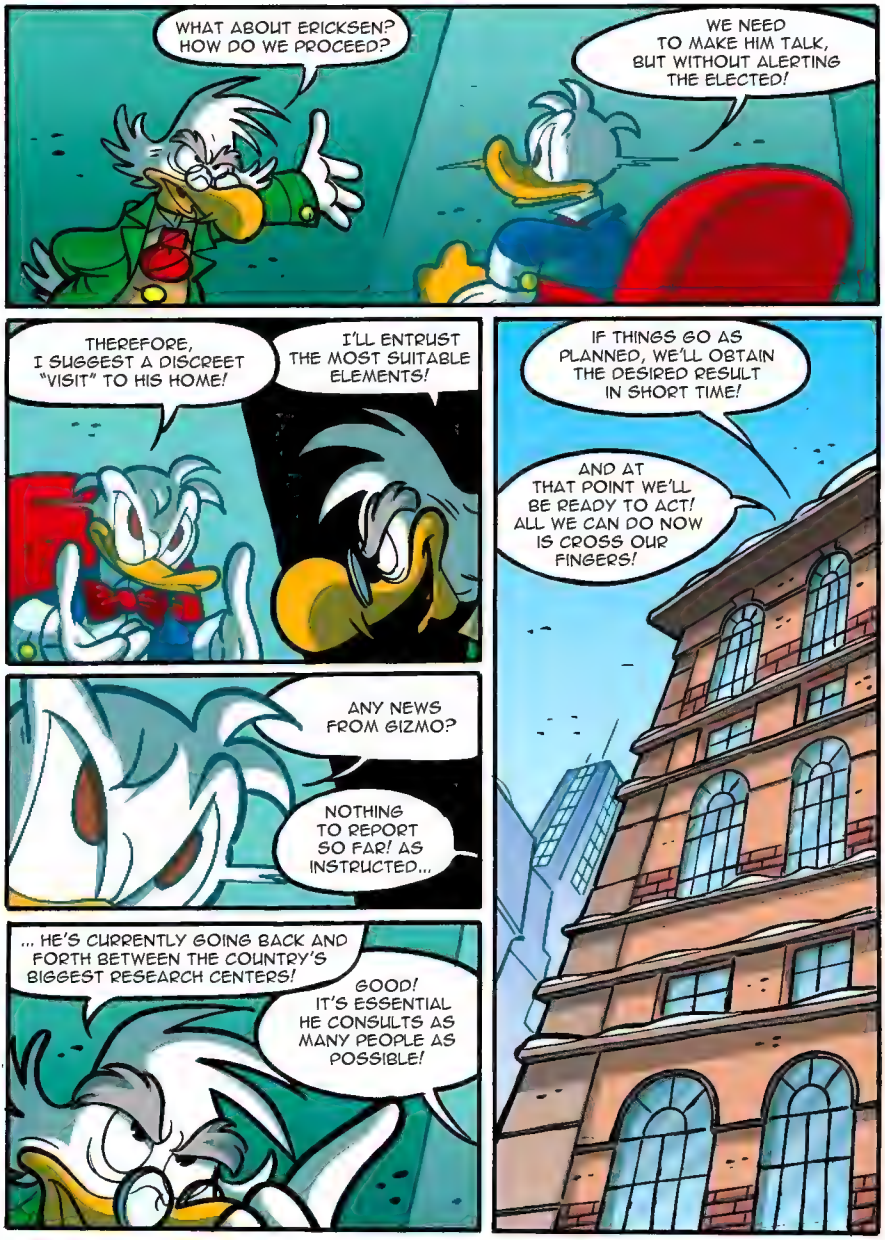

HELLO! WE'RE LOOKING FOR THE GUY IN THE PHOTO... WE BELIEVE HE'S YOUR GUEST!
ALAS, I'D LOVE TO HELP YOU, BUT I GOT BAD MEMORY OF FACES!
WOULD A VISIT FROM THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT REFRESH IT?
GULP! THAT WON'T BE NECESSARY! I REMEMBER!
HE'S REGISTERED AS "JOHN SMITH"! FIRST FLOOR, ROOM 6!
THANKS FOR THE SPONTANEOUS COOPERATION!
MR. SMITH? I'VE BROUGHT THE PIZZA... ANCHOVIES AND PEPPERONI!
TOC TOC
HUH? WHAT'S THE DEAL? I DIDN'T ORDER ANY PIZZA!


THERE MUST BE A MISTAKE... GASP! WHO ARE YOU?
SANTA AND HIS HELPER!
THE GAME IS UP, DUCK-MEIER!
WHAT DO YOU WANT?
RELAX, WE HAVE NO BAD INTENTIONS! ON THE CONTRARY, OUR TASK IS TO SAVE YOUR FEATHERS!
SO YOU DON'T WORK FOR THE ELECTED? THEN FOR WHO? AND HOW DID YOU...
WE ASK THE QUESTIONS! YOU ANSWER!
EHEM... ALRIGHT!


LET'S TALK ABOUT THE EARTHQUAKES! WHAT DID YOU WANT TO REVEAL TO THE PRESS?
THE ELECTED'S SECRET PLAN! THE MICROSEISMS ARE PROVOKED BY THEM!
THEY'VE BUILT A GIGANTIC DEVICE TO...
CRASH
ZIIIP
ZIIIP
OFF...
DOWN!
TAKE COVER! THEY'RE SHOOTING FROM THE ROOF OF THE OPPOSITE BUILDING!
BANG
BANG
ZIP
CIAFO


THE DANGER HAS PASSED! THE SCOUNDREL SLIPPED AWAY!
WAS THAT AN ASSASSIN SENT BY THE ELECTED?
UNDOUBTEDLY! THEY WANT TO SHUT ME UP!
ALL THE MORE REASON TO SPILL THE BEANS!
WE'RE AWARE OF THEIR PROJECT! WHAT WE DON'T KNOW IS WHERE THE GEOMAGNETIC MACHINE IS AND HOW IT WORKS!
IT'S ON A SMALL ISLAND OF THE ANTILLES, IN A SECRET BASE BUILT INSIDE AN EXTINCT VOLCANO!
MY SOURCE DIDN'T REVEAL WHAT KIND OF DEVICE IT IS, BUT ONLY WHO INVENTED IT...
... PROFESSOR GUNNAR ERICKSEN, A FAMOUS SCIENTIST!
MEANING WE HAVE TO FIGURE OUT THE REST!


GREAT WORK, KAY K! BRING DUCKMEIER TO SAFETY AND STAND BY FOR INSTRUCTIONS!
ROGER THAT, BOSS! OVER AND OUT!
LIZ, IF ANYONE'S LOOKING FOR ME, I'M MEETING WITH THE BIG BOSS!
UNDERSTOOD, SIR!
... AND AT THE MOMENT WE HAVE NO OTHER INFO!
SO WE MUST MAKE THE MOST OF WHAT WE HAVE!
FOR STARTERS, SEND OUR "COUPLE" TO THE ATOLL ON RECONNAISSANCE!
THEY'LL LEAVE IN AN HOUR! THE PLANE IS ALREADY ON THE RUNWAY!


WHAT ABOUT ERICKSEN? HOW DO WE PROCEED?
WE NEED TO MAKE HIM TALK, BUT WITHOUT ALERTING THE ELECTED!
THEREFORE, I SUGGEST A DISCREET "VISIT" TO HIS HOME!
I'LL ENTRUST THE MOST SUITABLE ELEMENTS!
ANY NEWS FROM GIZMO?
NOTHING TO REPORT SO FAR! AS INSTRUCTED...
... HE'S CURRENTLY GOING BACK AND FORTH BETWEEN THE COUNTRY'S BIGGEST RESEARCH CENTERS!
GOOD! IT'S ESSENTIAL HE CONSULTS AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE!
IF THINGS GO AS PLANNED, WE'LL OBTAIN THE DESIRED RESULT IN SHORT TIME!
AND AT THAT POINT WE'LL BE READY TO ACT! ALL WE CAN DO NOW IS CROSS OUR FINGERS!

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GOOD OLD GIZ... WHAT A PLEASURE TO SEE YOU! I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU SINCE OXFORD!
THE PLEASURE IS ALL MINE, PAT! YOU LOOK GREAT, BY THE WAY!
MCMXVI
MASSACHUSSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
TO WHAT DO I OWE THIS VISIT?
WELL... THERE IS A CERTAIN TOPIC I MUST DISCUSS WITH YOU!
IT'S REGARDING GEOMAGNETISM! I'VE READ THE STUDIES YOU'VE PUBLISHED THESE LAST YEARS!
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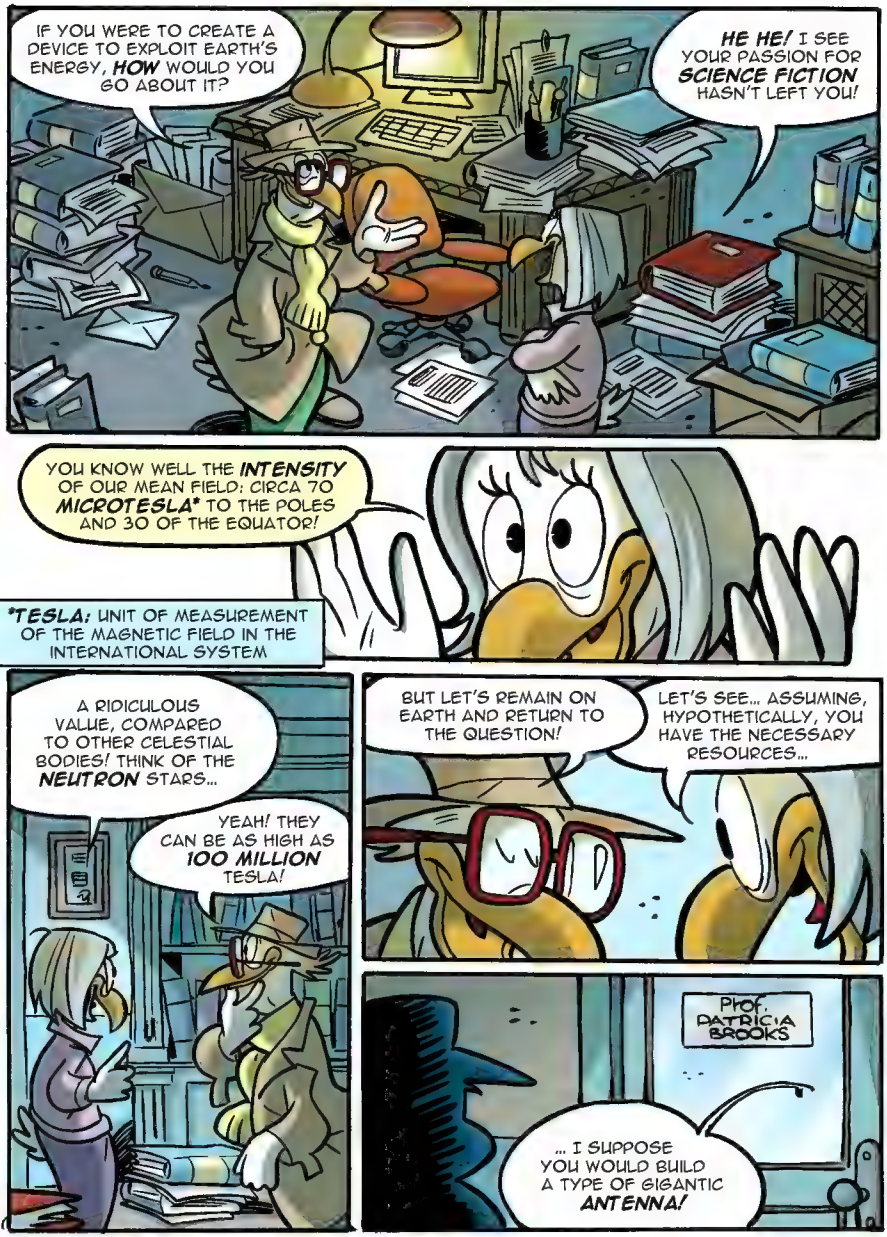
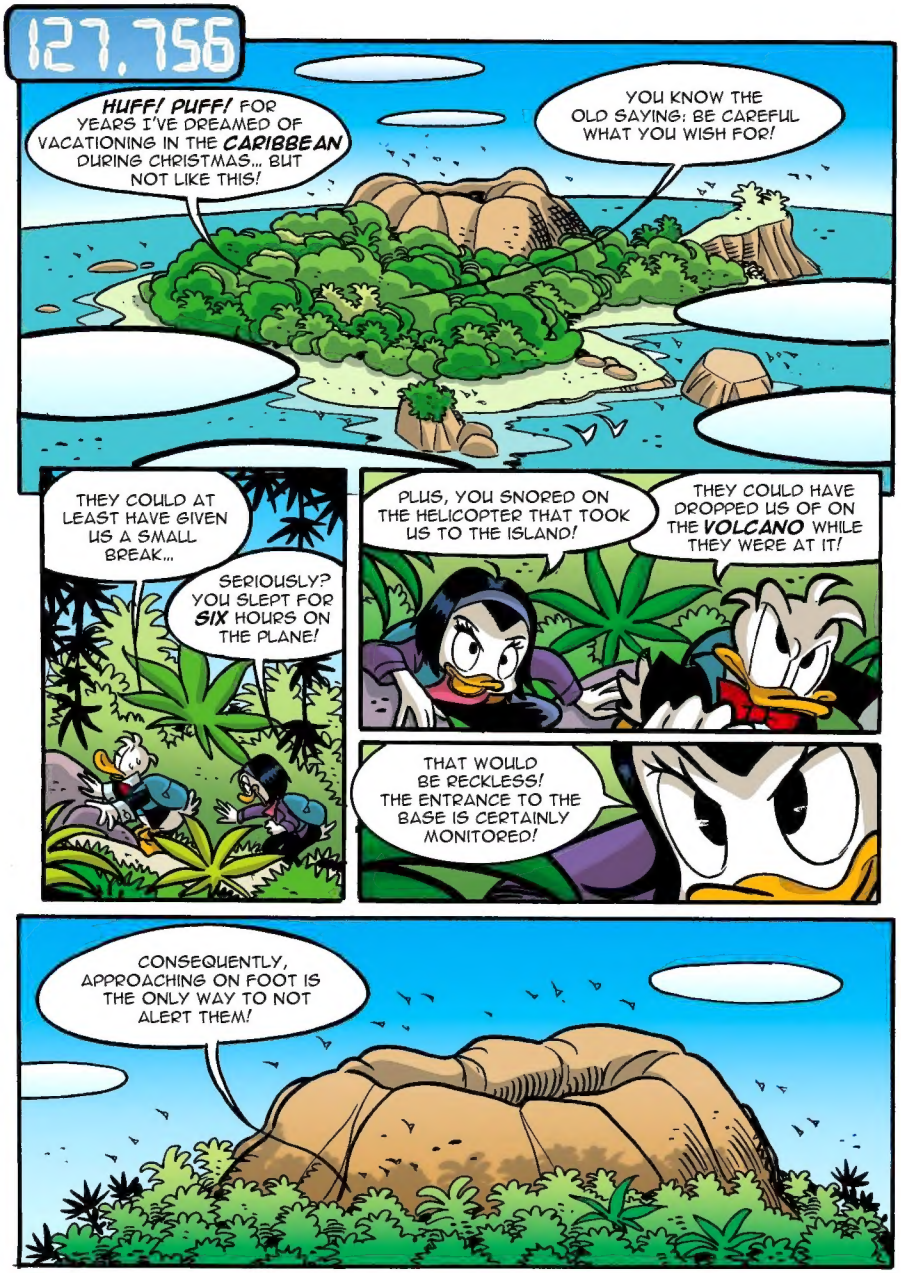

IF YOU WERE TO CREATE A DEVICE TO EXPLOIT EARTH'S ENERGY, HOW WOULD YOU GO ABOUT IT?
HE HE! I SEE YOUR PASSION FOR SCIENCE FICTION HASN'T LEFT YOU!
YOU KNOW WELL THE INTENSITY OF OUR MEAN FIELD: CIRCA 70 MICROTESLA* TO THE POLES AND 30 OF THE EQUATOR!
*TESLA: UNIT OF MEASUREMENT OF THE MAGNETIC FIELD IN THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM
A RIDICULOUS VALUE, COMPARED TO OTHER CELESTIAL BODIES! THINK OF THE NEUTRON STARS...
YEAH! THEY CAN BE AS HIGH AS 100 MILLION TESLA!
BUT LET'S REMAIN ON EARTH AND RETURN TO THE QUESTION!
LET'S SEE... ASSUMING, HYPOTHETICALLY, YOU HAVE THE NECESSARY RESOURCES...
PROF. PATRICIA BROOKS
... I SUPPOSE YOU WOULD BUILD A TYPE OF GIGANTIC ANTENNA!

NEVERTHELESS, IT'S NOT SOMETHING I WOULD GET INTO WHEN IT'S TIME FOR DINNER!
I GET THE IDEA!
DO YOU HAPPEN TO KNOW A GOOD RESTAURANT WHERE WE CAN CONTINUE THE CONVERSATION?
I KNOW A GREAT RESTAURANT! LET ME GRAB MY COAT!
HE JUST LEFT WITH BROOKS!
CONTINUE TO FOLLOW HIM!
AND STAY IN THE SHADOWS! I'LL TELL YOU WHEN TO GO INTO ACTION!
YES, SIR!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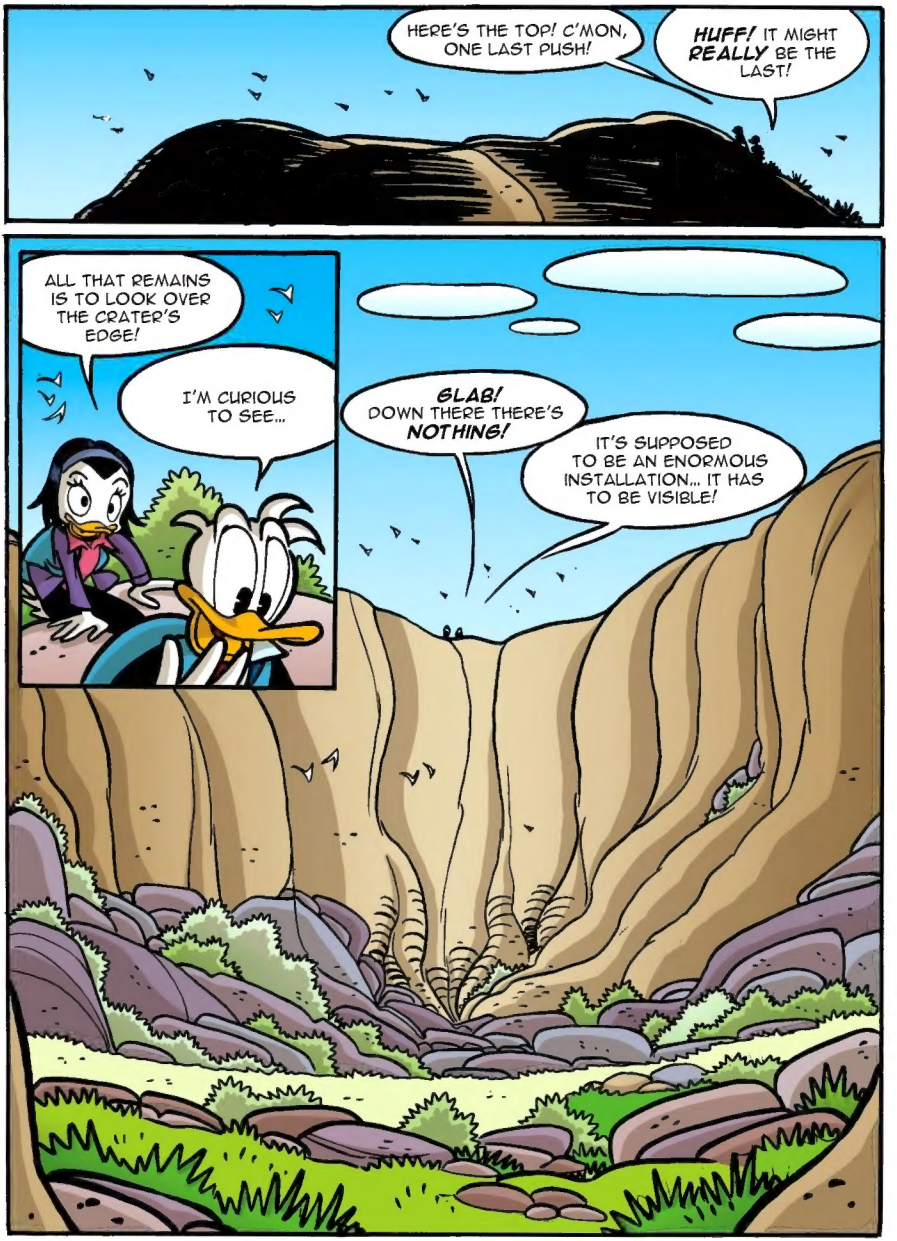
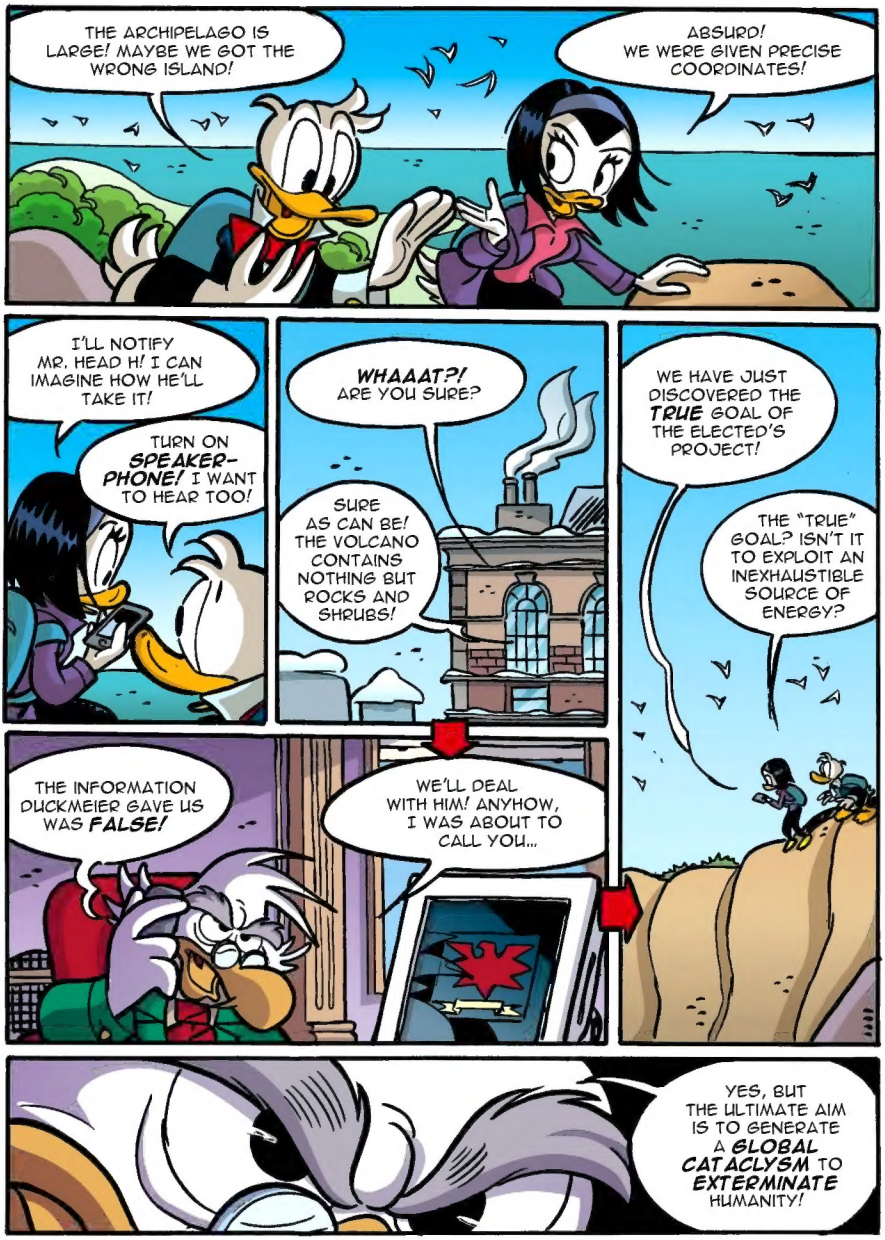
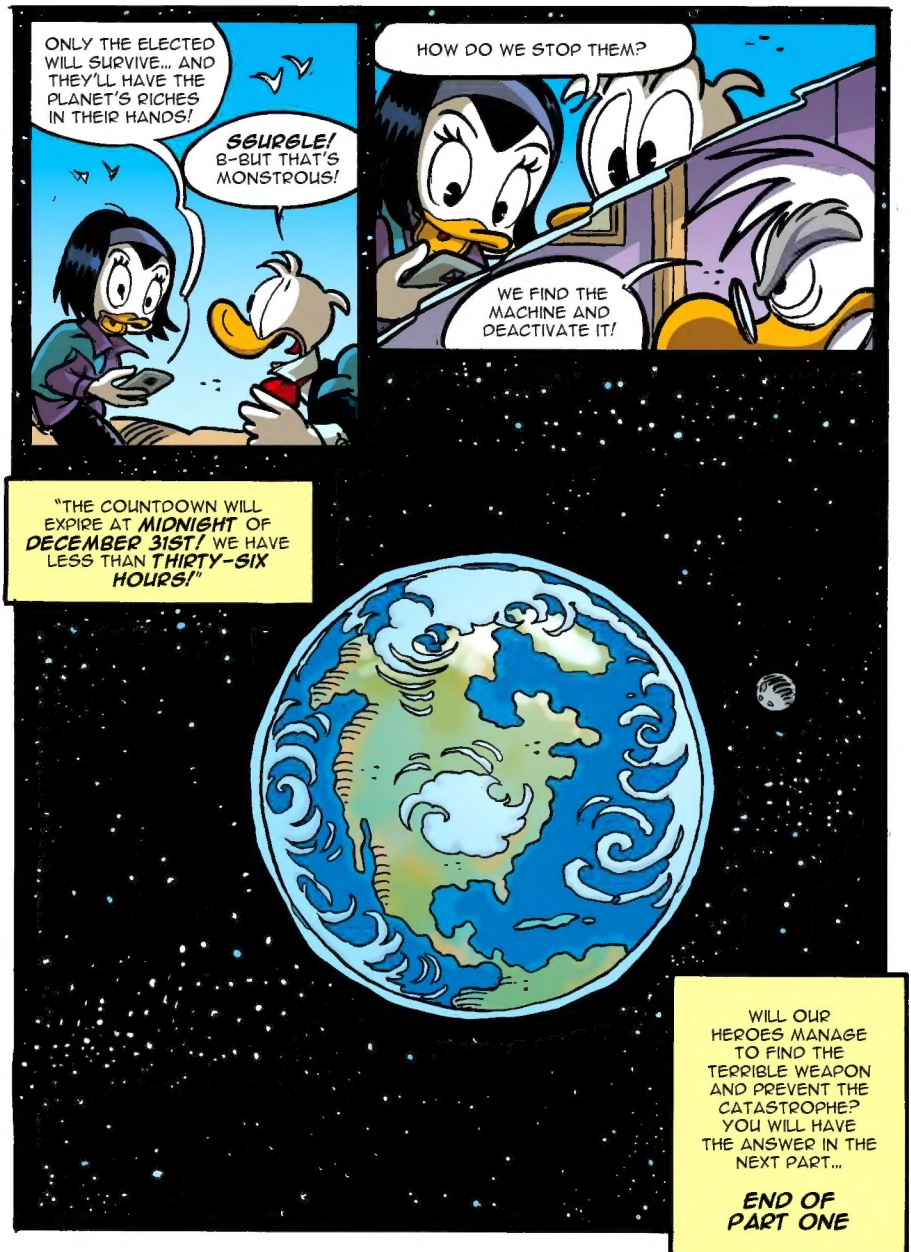
HUFF! PUFF! FOR YEARS I'VE DREAMED OF VACATIONING IN THE CARIBBEAN DURING CHRISTMAS... BUT NOT LIKE THIS!
YOU KNOW THE OLD SAYING: BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU WISH FOR!
THEY COULD AT LEAST HAVE GIVEN US A SMALL BREAK...
SERIOUSLY? YOU SLEPT FOR SIX HOURS ON THE PLANE!
PLUS, YOU SNORED ON THE HELICOPTER THAT TOOK US TO THE ISLAND!
THEY COULD HAVE DROPPED US OF ON THE VOLCANO WHILE THEY WERE AT IT!
THAT WOULD BE RECKLESS! THE ENTRANCE TO THE BASE IS CERTAINLY MONITORED!
CONSEQUENTLY, APPROACHING ON FOOT IS THE ONLY WAY TO NOT ALERT THEM!


HERE'S THE TOP! C'MON, ONE LAST PUSH!
HUFF! IT MIGHT REALLY BE THE LAST!
ALL THAT REMAINS IS TO LOOK OVER THE CRATER'S EDGE!
I'M CURIOUS TO SEE...
GLAB! DOWN THERE THERE'S NOTHING!
IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE AN ENORMOUS INSTALLATION... IT HAS TO BE VISIBLE!


THE ARCHIPELAGO IS LARGE! MAYBE WE GOT THE WRONG ISLAND!
ABSURD! WE WERE GIVEN PRECISE COORDINATES!
I'LL NOTIFY MR. HEAD H! I CAN IMAGINE HOW HE'LL TAKE IT!
TURN ON SPEAKER-PHONE! I WANT TO HEAR TOO!
WHAAAT?! ARE YOU SURE?
SURE AS CAN BE! THE VOLCANO CONTAINS NOTHING BUT ROCKS AND SHRUBS!
WE HAVE JUST DISCOVERED THE TRUE GOAL OF THE ELECTED'S PROJECT!
THE "TRUE" GOAL? ISN'T IT TO EXPLOIT AN INEXHAUSTIBLE SOURCE OF ENERGY?
THE INFORMATION DUCKMEIER GAVE US WAS FALSE!
WE'LL DEAL WITH HIM! ANYHOW, I WAS ABOUT TO CALL YOU...
YES, BUT THE ULTIMATE AIM IS TO GENERATE A GLOBAL CATACLYSM TO EXTERMINATE HUMANITY!


ONLY THE ELECTED WILL SURVIVE... AND THEY'LL HAVE THE PLANET'S RICHES IN THEIR HANDS!
SGURGLE! B-BUT THAT'S MONSTROUS!
HOW DO WE STOP THEM?
WE FIND THE MACHINE AND DEACTIVATE IT!
"THE COUNTDOWN WILL EXPIRE AT MIDNIGHT OF DECEMBER 31ST! WE HAVE LESS THAN THIRTY-SIX HOURS!"
WILL OUR HEROES MANAGE TO FIND THE TERRIBLE WEAPON AND PREVENT THE CATASTROPHE? YOU WILL HAVE THE ANSWER IN THE NEXT PART...
END OF PART ONE